

Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: Debra Brown <circustrain@chartermi.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:13 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Don't Delay – It's time to hold DTE accountable. Call a hearing

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Sincerely,
Debra Brown
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United States

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From: Alex Brockman <alex.brockman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:13 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
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Alex Brockman
alex.brockman@gmail.com
United States

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From: drkenlarge@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Kenneth Large <drkenlarge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:14 AM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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Sincerely,

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Kenneth Large
125 S Laurel St
Royal Oak MI, 48067-2418

Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: Jamie Costello <jamie.costello91@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:40 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: DTE

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Good evening,

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Thank you for your time,

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: heidilwest@everyactionadvocacy.com on behalf of Heidi West
<heidilwest@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:49 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Call a Hearing to Demand DTE Execs Answer to The People

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Heidi West
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heidilwest@gmail.com

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From: sam melvin <sigmargo@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:13 PM
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Subject: Don't Delay – It's time to hold DTE accountable. Call a hearing

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Sincerely,
sam melvin
sigmargo@icloud.com
United States

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From: "Dianne Delcourt 384 Berkshire Dr. Saline 48176" <EsotericDD@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:13 PM
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Subject: Don't Delay – It's time to hold DTE accountable. Call a hearing

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Sent from my iPhone

Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: macme=wowway.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Michael McManus
<macme@wowway.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:55 AM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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Sincerely,

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Michael McManus
800 E Lincoln Ave Apt 5
Royal Oak MI, 48067-3349

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From: pobluemonkey@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Ryan Marks
<pobluemonkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:32 AM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Hold DTE accountable for outages

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Sincerely,

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Ryan Marks
147 W. Webster
Ferndale MI, 48220-3246

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From: housedems.com <michiganhousewebdev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:46 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: housedems.com "DTE Power Outage"

From: MaxGlick <glickm63@gmail.com>

First Name: Max

First Name: Glick

Address: 636 S WILSON AVE

City: Royal Oak

ZIP Code: 48067

Phone: 2489435022

Email: glickm63@gmail.com

Subject: DTE Power Outage

Message Body:

Dear Representative Scott,

Like many folks over the last few weeks, I lost power during the most recent storm and still haven't regained it. I live at 636 South Wilson Ave, Royal Oak, MI. 48067.

A tree limb took out my power around 8:30 pm on Friday, March 3rd and I immediately reported the downed line in my backyard. I appreciate that DTE contacted me on Saturday afternoon to learn more about the circumstances of the outage so they could send the right crew.

Unfortunately, there was no time estimate for the power restoration until this morning (Monday, March 6th) when the app said it should be back at some point today (not on as of sending this letter).

As of yesterday (March 5th), the inside of my house was 49 degrees and dropping. Luckily I have family members to stay with until the power is restored but only some are lucky. I've opened my faucets to drip water to prevent pipes from freezing in case this outage continues past today and the temperature of my house continues to drop.

Unfortunately, I also had to throw out three garbage bags full of food from my fridge and freezer and may lose my collection of plants acquired over many years.

It is unacceptable that DTE can wait more than 48 hours without giving a general update on when power will be restored. It is also unacceptable that they do not provide more meaningful compensation for items lost during the outage or reimbursement for folks who need to stay at hotels if they don't have family nearby.

I hope that as Chair of the Energy, Communications and Technology Committee, you can ask DTE the following:

- 1) What is DTE doing to better communicate with folks regarding outages and power restoration estimates? Why did they update their app to hide the scope of customers experiencing an outage?
- 2) Why does DTE barely compensate/reimburse folks for any expenses or hardship caused by their outages?
- 3) What is DTE doing to prevent future outages and reinvest profits to make their grid more resistant during future storms? Lansing experienced similar conditions with only a fraction of the blackout.

I appreciate your work as my representative and for your team looking into these matters.

Sincerely,

Max Glick

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Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: lvallarino@everyactionadvocacy.com on behalf of Leila Vallarino
<lvallarino@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Hold DTE Energy accountable

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Dear Representative Helena Scott,

I recently learned that DTE wants to raise rates by \$622 million, the highest rate increase in state history. We already pay the highest rates paired with the worst reliability in the Midwest. We can't afford another rate increase, especially when DTE can't keep the power on as it is.

Over the past 12 months, DTE has tried to raise our rates by \$1 billion. Enough is enough. DTE is asking for more of our money and they aren't being made to improve their service. DTE must do better, and I ask that you hold them accountable.

Sincerely,
Leila Vallarino
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lvallarino@equalitymi.org

Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: martinostmantay@everyactionadvocacy.com on behalf of Paula Martinos-Mantay <martinosmantay@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:54 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Call a Hearing to Demand DTE Execs Answer to The People

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You are my newly elected state rep.

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Thank you,

Sincerely,
Ms Paula Martinos-Mantay
101 Curry Ave Unit 314 Royal Oak, MI 48067-4231 martinostmantay@gmail.com

Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)

From: cameront1104@everyactionadvocacy.com on behalf of Cameron Thomas
<cameront1104@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 5:15 PM
To: Rep. Helena Scott (District 7)
Subject: Call a Hearing to Demand DTE Execs Answer to The People

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Sincerely,
Mr. Cameron Thomas
18614 Oak Dr Detroit, MI 48221-2262
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From: marymlanphier@everyactionadvocacy.com on behalf of Mary Lanphier
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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:41 PM
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