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From: Joyce Stein <jazstein@me.com>
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To: Molly Wingrove
Subject: Re: Opposition to HB4575

Dear Representative Hauck,

I am writing to you today as you are the Chair of the Regulatory Reform Committee. I wish to express my concern over HB4575 which looks to restrict local governments from setting local policy. As a nurse and person of faith our whole planet is faced with making changes to move us to a more sustainable and healthy future. Moving away from an "extraction" society is imperative to begin to heal the health of ourselves and our planet. The old adage of "*all politics is local*" rings true in almost any lasting change that American society embarks on. Reducing the use of green house gases starts in our local communities and in our homes.

I am especially concerned because I am not a homeowner, therefore I can not make a personal choice on many things to improve my life and the life of my community. I am a senior citizen and a renter. I would very much like to electrify my appliances as well as have the option to one day to transition to an electric car, but I need my landlord to make those improvements. Landlords rely on the regulatory system to dictate their practices. As much as we would like all landlords to do the right thing by providing lead free water and clean air, multi-residential living spaces rely on local and State policies to assure us a healthy living environment.

We elect our local council people to serve our community and if our community wishes to use more solar, or wind or other more sustainable practices such as moving away from gas appliances the State legislators should not try and impose their agenda on our local communities. We are a democracy and policies that dictate our immediate living spaces need to remain local. Only when enough local communities move in one direction should our State government then our federal government enter into bringing the state together under one policy.

The State needs to let local governments and community residents dictate the sustainability path they wish to take. And as a senior citizen and renter I want to be able to have a voice in the direction I wish my community to take and not have our decision making process "banned" by State government.

Sincerely

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