

Cath Petroskey

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Cath Petroskey,
Clerk of the House
Energy and Technology Committee

Ms. Petoskey,

Please submit the following and share my testimony with the committee members, and note it in the meeting's minutes of the hearing to be held on Tuesday September 17. Thank you

Currently, we here in Michigan still get nearly 60% of our electricity from coal, spending \$1.7 billion annually to import the dirty fossil fuel from other states. Coal plants emit toxic pollutants like mercury, arsenic and chromium. Coal plant pollution triggers 68,000 asthma attacks and causes 180 premature deaths every year in Michigan. If we continue to rely on this outdated and dirty source of power, we will pay more in health costs and damage our Great Lakes. Coal plants are also the biggest point-source of greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate disruption. Increasing Michigan's RES will help us transition to clean energy and will result in cleaner air and a healthier environment in Michigan.

In addition, increasing Michigan's use of renewable energy and energy efficiency will create jobs, spark investment, and launch new businesses in our state. Now from what I can gather, Michigan's clean energy sector supports about 20,500 jobs and has somewhere around \$5 billion in annual economic activity. Therefore, Michigan-grown renewable energy is a strong economic driver, attracting investment and creating much needed jobs not only in your district but throughout the state.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Respectfully,

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