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To address the committee to at 1:00 pm. James M. Leigeb
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House energy committee

I would like to thank Chairman Nesbitt , Majority Vice Chair Glenn, Minority Vice Chair Lavoy and the “Energy Committee” for the opportunity to voice my concerns that HB 4298 will not become law. My concern that the constituents I represent in Midland County will not have adequate and affordable electricity brings me to Lansing. I believe the option to deregulate may cause unnecessary financial burden for those in the rural area I represent. Also the possibility of not having the supply of electricity needed to operate their homes. The large Companies that are part of the “Electrical Grid” are a concern surely, but my focus today will be on those electric customers who are trying to manage their family budgets.

Midland County Has a population of approximately 84,000 with 16% being over 65 years of age. 14% are below the poverty level. Because of the last millage election many in our County will be taxed 4.2 Mills more than last year. The financial burden this and increases in higher utility bills could be the tipping point for many in my District who are about to lose their homes. Deregulation has caused hardship for many in states that have adopted this plan to supply cheap and abundant electricity.

Wind, Solar and Highdro power are sources that we have to assist at this time but, we need large gas fired plants that are very costly to build. Can this be done after we downsize our big suppliers?

We must plan for the building and maintenance of new generating plants that will keep the rates for electrical power manageable for all. Being a politician I can't help but think of phone calls because of blackouts at pike hours of demand. I do not think lower electrical rates can be achieved by Deregulation. If the 10% cap we have is changed I would like to see it reduced not increased.

Thank You again Chairman Nesbitt and all sitting on the Energy Committee for this opportunity.

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