



## Michigan Milk Producers Association

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To: Chairman Aric Nesbitt and Members of the House Energy Policy Committee

From: Ken Nobis, President, Michigan Milk Producers Association

Re: Testimony Regarding House Bill 4297

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the members of Michigan Milk Producers Association. We oppose H.B. 4297 as currently written because we support maintaining mandatory energy efficiency standards in Michigan.

Energy efficiency measures benefit dairy producers across our state in many ways. Saving energy helps ensure more reliable energy supplies, a particularly important issue for businesses located in rural areas. Reducing energy waste also makes sense from a business perspective for our producer-members.

In recent months, these energy efficiency standards have helped push our incumbent utilities to offer new energy efficiency programs that directly benefit dairy producers. We believe there's opportunity to keep making progress on energy efficiency in the years ahead, working alongside utilities and members. As energy efficiency technology becomes more advanced, energy efficiency mandates will ensure the utilities continue to be at the table, working with our industry to reduce energy waste.

We urge you to include mandatory energy efficiency standards in H.B. 4297 and we oppose efforts that do not include these standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony for the record on this critical issue facing Michigan's dairy producers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Nobis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ken Nobis  
President