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**Subject:** Regarding the Energy Debate

Colleagues:

A recent note you received from Representative Gary Glenn expressed his opinions about Michigan's electric supply situation. I'd like to express my view on the Senate energy legislation we are currently debating.

As a former chairman of the House Energy and Technology Committee, I recognize that energy is an extraordinarily complex topic. However, my position is clear and straightforward; I **support** SB 437 and SB 438 and the work that has been done by Chairman Mike Nofs and Vice-Chairman John Proos.

Energy is a critical issue for Michigan in terms of reliability, affordability and having enough energy to meet all of the challenges that Michigan faces. With these Senate bills, the Michigan Legislature is preparing to deal with both the overly strict federal guidelines, combined with the closing of 25 power plants.

To be clear: Michigan's electric reliability is at risk, largely because out of state alternate energy suppliers (AES) have failed to invest in the kind of 24/7 – "there when you need it" – power plants in our state to serve their Michigan customers.

Our incumbent utilities, co-ops and municipal electric generators are required to make more energy than their known customers need, in order to meet required reserve margins. Out of state AESs buy this "surplus capacity" without paying anything for the local generating capacity, while utility customers continue to pay for that vital resource that ensures reliability for everyone. Even after the AESs mark up the price, they can sell the power to their customers at a discount to utility prices.

Alternate suppliers simply rely on power generated by utilities and others to serve their handpicked customers. Because **no** residential customer has ever been offered this "deal" by AESs, your constituents, and mine, pick up the tab.