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Michigan House Energy Committee  
Room 519, House Office Building  
124 N. Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

Chair Wendzel and members of the Committee:

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) and the American Clean Power Association (ACP) would like to express our opposition to HB 4027 and HB 4028. With power demands continuing to surge, now is not the time to weaken Michigan's ability to help lead the nation in energy production.

The upper Midwest – and our nation as a whole – is seeing unprecedented load growth driven largely by data center expansion, artificial intelligence, domestic manufacturing, and electrification of various industries. The deployment of wind, solar and battery storage is, and will continue to be, a significant contributor to meeting this load growth, all while helping ensure grid reliability and bringing economic competitiveness to Michigan. Repealing Public Act 233 of 2023 would reinstate a patchwork of local zoning regulations that will, once again, limit the state's ability to add additional resources in a time when we need them the most.

As Michigan seeks to meet power demands, maintaining a predictable siting and permitting structure for renewable energy facilities will spur economic development, create high quality jobs, and generate much-needed revenue streams for local governments that empower them to fund schools, fix roads, and equip emergency services. The legislation also protects private property rights by allowing landowners to utilize their land in the best interest of their family – including the freedom to host energy infrastructure. Weakening or repealing this law would jeopardize Michigan's economic leadership and energy independence at a time when both have never been more critical.

In the short time this bill has been implemented, it has provided relief for local officials who have faced undue scrutiny while making decisions that are best for their townships. Take Fremont Township, for example. Local opposition to a wind project fueled a campaign that spread misinformation and ousted four of five longstanding board members who supported a renewable energy project in Sanilac County.

In this circumstance, township leaders were faced with an impossible decision: approve a project that would bring over \$4 million in tax revenue to the community (compared to the \$140,000 in tax revenue paid by property owners in 2022), or submit to the opposition.



Public Act 233 passed in 2023 streamlines pathways for growth and Michigan's homegrown energy dominance. Now is not the time to go backward.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 4027 and HB 4028 and urge the committee to vote against these bills.

Sincerely,

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*CGA is a regional trade association that works across nine states in the upper Midwest, including Michigan. ACP is a national trade association that represents a broad range of businesses in clean energy. Memberships consist of wind, solar and battery storage developers, manufacturers, and other industries that help advance renewable energy development opportunities.*