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Senator Mike Nofs
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Dear Senator Nofs:

My job and business are directly related to helping Michigan homes and buildings become more energy efficient. Energy bills are the second highest cost of home ownership, next to the mortgage.

Unfortunately, there is legislation before the State Senate, H.B. 4561, that would as much as double the time between updates to Michigan's energy efficient building code. Under the legislation, Michigan's homes and buildings would fall behind in critical technology changes that enhance energy efficiency, save taxpayers money and protect public safety, leading to increased energy costs for Michiganders and weakening the state's economic recovery.

Michigan presently uses a three year cycle for updates to the state's building code. Michigan's choice to update the energy efficiency portion of the code using the three year cycle has consistently led to homes made with advanced materials that save consumers energy and money. Taxpayers benefit, too, since the code also covers public structures. It helps avoid wasteful and costly energy losses in state and local government buildings.

This proven policy of updating all parts of the Building Code every three years has also helped make Michigan a national leader in the fight for public safety by ensuring new buildings have the latest updates to protect public health, safety and welfare.

For these reasons, we urge you to support Michigan families, energy savings, and lower energy bills and to oppose H.B. 4561.

Sincerely,



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