

Cath Petroskey

From: Steve Hofmann <sthofmann@hofmann.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Cath Petroskey
Subject: Support for HB 5184

Dear Ms. Petroskey:

Our company, Hofmann Industries, operates two facilities – one in Pennsylvania where we have 100% access to electric choice, and one in Eau Claire Michigan where we are part of the 90% who don't have access to electric choice. We've been patiently waiting in the queue to join the electric choice program, but our patience is wearing thin.

Higher utility costs in Michigan – the highest in the Midwest -- are hurting our bottom line, and are preventing us from growing our operations there. Cost increases over the past year are well above the national average, and make it increasingly difficult for us to sustain our level of activity in Michigan.

I am requesting that you take action to eliminate the 10% cap on electric competition by supporting HB 5184. The current law is wrong and directly affects all of your constituents: it picks winners and losers among Michigan residents -- and 90% of us are the losers. It also gives a monopoly to Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, eliminating all incentives they used to have to provide strong customer service and downward pressure on prices.

We want to stay in Michigan, create jobs, reinvest in our businesses and grow our economy. Please: eliminate the 10% cap on competition by supporting HB 5184 and let the American system of free enterprise work. Competition brings out the best in all of us!

Sincerely,

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