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## **Michiganders can't afford costly, unrealistic energy policy plan**

*Transparent, deliberative process that takes into account affordability, reliability and feasibility is key to state's clean energy transition*

**(Lansing, Mich.)** – The Michigan Chamber released the following statement in response to Michigan House Committee on Energy, Communications and Technology passing rushed legislation with little public testimony or transparency. Senate Bills 271 and 502 are expected to proceed to the full House for final passage even yet today.

“The Michigan Chamber supports Michigan’s clean energy transition, but we are opposed to the legislation that passed our State House today due to its rushed, reckless approach and significant flaws,” said **Mike Alaimo, the organization’s director of environmental and energy affairs**. “By severely limiting the resources our state can use to meet our energy needs over just a few years and giving state bureaucrats unprecedented power to shift costs onto energy customers, the legislation could have dire consequences for job providers and residents alike, threatening the affordability and reliability of power across the Great Lakes State. It’s essential that our policymakers consider sweeping policy changes more thoughtfully and deliberatively.”

Alaimo did note important progress in related renewable energy siting bills – House Bills 5120-23 – to overcoming a key regulatory barrier in achieving the state’s clean energy transition.

The Michigan Chamber is working with a broad and diverse coalition – the Great Lakes Growth Coalition for [Clean, Affordable and Reliable Energy \(CARE\)](#) – to oppose this legislation and urge slowing down to get it right. View the [coalition’s response here](#).

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*The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties across the state employing more than 1 million Michiganders. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan’s job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.*