

POWER UP FOR JOBS!

Vote YES for Comprehensive Energy Reform

MICHIGAN JOBS AND ENERGY COALITION



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Power In Numbers!

The Michigan Jobs and Energy Coalition now has hundreds of members.

Please contact your family, friends, neighbors, members, customers, and colleagues, and ask them to join us.

There is power in numbers and we need your support to bring jobs and energy to Michigan.

Sign Up online: www.michiganjobsandenergy.org

Member Spotlight!

Coalition members are going above and beyond to push for comprehensive energy policy reform.

A special thanks this month to
The Michigan Chamber of Commerce and
The Michigan Manufacturing Association.

Let us know what you and your organization are doing to build and help the Coalition!

Mackinac Contact

The Detroit Regional Chamber's 28th Annual Mackinac Policy Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 through Saturday, May 31.

The Coalition urges all members who are attending the conference to please reach out to their State Senator and ask him or her to support comprehensive energy reform policy.

Please contact the Coalition if you have any questions, or would like supportive materials to give to your legislator.

House Energy Package Passes! *Legislation Now in State Senate's Court*

The Michigan House of Representatives has passed a comprehensive, long-term energy plan with strong bi-partisan support. The plan will create thousands of jobs for Michigan workers, keep electricity affordable, develop Michigan's renewable energy resources and energy efficiency programs and ensure that our state has the safe, reliable power supply necessary to achieve major economic growth.

The Michigan Senate is now reviewing the legislation and taking testimony from key witnesses. Doug Roberts, Jr., director of environmental and energy policy for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce was the first to testify. He cited the 21st Century Energy Plan, by former Public Service Commission Chair Peter Lark, which called for the adoption of a comprehensive energy plan. The report affirms that failure to adopt a comprehensive plan will make Michigan dependent on natural gas and volatile wholesale electric markets.

The Michigan Jobs and Energy Coalition supports a fair and quick process to ensure good energy policy for everyone — residents, businesses, regulated public utilities, and alternative energy companies.

Small Businesses Join Coalition *Support shows need for legislative reform*

Dozens of small businesses — such as Jack's Food Markets, Prestige Stamping, Inc. and Al Long Ford — have joined the Michigan Jobs and Energy Coalition. They reject the Small Business Association of Michigan's claim that the proposed legislation hurts small business.

"Michigan's experiment with electric deregulation has failed," said Tarik Daoud, chairman of Al Long Ford in Warren. "I am uncertain of my pricing and the promised stable prices have been volatile at best. I fully support the re-introduction of full regulation, both as a business owner and consumer."

Support In the media ...

"With electricity, it's either on or it's off. And in the case of Lansing's legislation on electricity, it had darn well better be on. This issue has been around long enough and is important enough to Michigan's future that every member of the House and Senate should by now have a working knowledge of it and be prepared to vote. There's no good reason not to get it done before summer break and start of earnest campaigning for the Aug. 5 primary."

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