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Senate Committee on Energy and Technology
P.O. Box 30036
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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan has positions on various topics including natural resources. These positions are derived through study by our membership and a consensus process. That being said our organization adopted a position in the early 70's in support of energy conservation and renewable energy sources. We support "the use of various energy sources, with an emphasis on conserving energy and using energy efficient technologies, a predominate reliance on renewable resources, and action by government to encourage the use of renewable resources and energy conservation through financial incentives, rate-setting policies and mandatory standards."

The League is unable to support SB 438 as presently proposed. This bill phases out targets for renewable energy and efficiency standards for utility companies. The Governor's vision for the state's energy plan relies heavily on waste reductions which will eliminate new energy generation. We support this and agree on what is achievable. A plan should set goals and we look to this committee for that leadership.

The changes called for in SB 438 from PA 295 include replacing language for renewable energy to clean energy. This addition of energy choices includes many polluting sources which increase health costs.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan calls on our state legislators to support an energy plan which prioritizes renewable energy and energy efficiency, maintains a net-metering system which encourages renewable investments, and sets achievable targets.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberation.

Sincerely,

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