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Michigan Capitol Building
100 N. Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Majority Leader Meekhof, Minority Leader Ananich, Speaker Cotter, Minority Leader Greimel, Chairman Nofs, and Chairman Nesbitt:

As global companies with operations, employees, and customers in Michigan, we are writing today to communicate our concerns regarding several energy bills under consideration, which we believe would have a significant negative impact on the availability of a clean and diversified energy supply in Michigan. Access to renewable energy and energy efficiency are critical to our businesses, and we urge the legislature to maintain existing laws related to clean energy resources. We further request that any future changes be made through a public engagement process that includes stakeholders from the business community and the Public Service Commission.

Our companies, like many of the leading companies in the United States, have set goals to maximize our use of renewable energy and have invested billions of dollars to expand the use of clean energy resources. In addition, we have collectively saved billions of dollars through greater energy efficiency. We recognize that environmental sustainability has become an essential ingredient to doing business responsibly and successfully. Renewable energy and energy efficiency provide our companies with options for cost savings and new revenue streams, and our customers and employees highly value our commitment to sustainability. As we consider new investments in our businesses, we invariably look at the availability of renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities when determining a region's competitiveness.

Michigan's current laws governing renewable energy and efficiency were adopted in 2008, including a requirement for 10 percent of its electricity to come from renewable sources by 2015, and for energy efficiency increases of one percent annually. These policies were put in place after careful consideration, and they have since produced significant benefits, which include providing

sustainable sources of power, diversifying the energy supply, supporting innovation, and increasing investment in renewable energy by [nearly \\$3 billion](#)—while annually saving utility customers nearly \$1 billion in future energy costs. Michigan’s utilities have performed well in meeting these goals, and removing or diminishing these policies could inhibit future investment in clean energy in Michigan by creating new risk and uncertainty.

To ensure a certain future for clean energy in Michigan, we strongly urge that the state maintain its current policies. These common sense targets provide Michigan with a key source of innovation, save homeowners and businesses money on their energy costs, and promote environmental sustainability that benefits all residents.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter, and for more information please contact any of our state government affairs representatives.

Sincerely,

General Mills
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Cc: Governor Rick Snyder
Members of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee
Members of the House Energy Policy Committee

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