



May 5, 2021

Dear Chairman Bellino:

We, the undersigned businesses and business organizations, are strongly supportive of HB 4236, which would eliminate the arbitrary and unnecessary limit on rooftop solar in Michigan. There are no engineering, regulatory, or safety reasons to limit the booming solar industry in Michigan. The cap only serves to stifle and harm businesses who want to be able to create jobs and spur economic activity in our state.

Over the past decade the costs of solar panels have dropped precipitously due to technological advancements. As a result, a growing number of homes and businesses have adopted distributed generation. This trend, however, could screech to a halt in Michigan due to an outdated state law that caps the amount of rooftop solar. Once enough customers install rooftop solar and the cap is maxed out, a utility is under no obligation to connect more rooftop solar customers. The result is business uncertainty, lost jobs, increased costs and decreased solar installations.

Leading Michigan solar companies are considering pulling out of Michigan to focus on markets in other states. Michigan needs highly skilled, well-paying jobs, and pre-pandemic the solar industry was one of the biggest growth industries for the state. Throughout 2020, the industry was able to get back on its feet and resume installing arrays safely, but the threat of the caps has held back a full recovery.

Rooftop solar and other forms of distributed generation are also cutting energy costs for consumers. Commercial and industrial users have personally experienced the affordability and energy reliability that comes from on-site, customer-owned generation. Distributed generation users can meet a portion of their own energy needs with the electricity generated by their panels, saving them money and reducing strains on the grid.

We urge you to bring HB 4236 up for a vote in the House Energy Committee to ensure that Michigan's growing solar industry and other businesses are not arbitrarily limited.

Please allow this free market to continue to grow, create jobs, and save businesses money in our state.



Sincerely,

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 Coalition for Community Solar Access
 D2 Solar
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 Four Elements Energy
 GEM Energy
 Homeland Solar
 Inman Solar
 Inovateus
 Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council
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