

RE: Please Clear house bills 4715 and 4716 for vote on the House Floor

On behalf of the Climate Witness Project, I am respectfully asking you to share this email with the members of the House Energy Committee.

The Climate Witness Project is a project of Christian Reformed Church in North America. Though not monolithic, we are predominantly a denomination of reformed, evangelical, and theologically and politically conservative Christians. Our project is *of* the CRCNA, but not *for* it. Today, we have over 1,300 Partners, from over 300 congregations, representing some 20 denominations. Over 600 Partners live in Michigan.

On behalf of these active Partners, I am asking you to vote HB 4715 and HB 4716 out of committee and on to the house floor. Here's are a few reasons why:

- The Climate Crisis is the defining issue of our time and time is short as the most recent IPCC report reminded us. It is urgent that elected leaders take action in many ways to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Passing these bills will result in increasing the amount of clean energy produced and consumed in our state. This will contribute significantly to reducing GHG's in Michigan. .
- Our state is falling behind as other states encourage the manufacture, installation, and maintenance of clean energy technology. We owe it to our citizens to allow them to find employment in the new economy. We owe it to businesses and entrepreneurs to level the playing field and allow them to compete.
- Community solar has the potential to make energy more affordable for the poor.
- Community solar also has the potential to help our citizens adapt to the changes in our climate that we are already experiencing and will become more extreme.

Please pass these bills out of your committee. Do your part in mitigating the worst effects of climate change and give your constituents and our economy a fighting chance.

Thank you!

Steve Mulder