

The Future is Coming; Let's not Miss Out on the Opportunites

RE: HB4575
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Let's stop robbing Paul to pay Peter. Let's coordinate the actions of Michigan's right hand and left hand.

Prohibiting municipalities from banning installations of natural gas appliances from a date forward run counter to national move towards electrification. As money is made available for conforming infrastructure upgrades much of Michigan would be left in cold. As training programs are developed for the skilled trades to be deployed on infrastructure projects, from municipal water supplies to grid redesign—why would Michigan create a false demand for infrastructure of yesteryear?

Although I concur with many of the climate and human health comments that will also be sent to this Committee, I want to focus on this bill's degenerative effect on Michigan's economy. Michigan is gifted with skilled union workers. Passing bills which support energy infrastructure projects using renewable sources and electrifying the endpoints creates demand for those same skilled union workers.

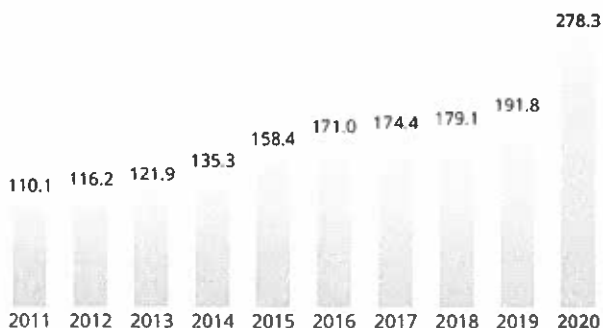
A handful of years ago the United States and China was in a neck-to-neck race to lead manufacturing for the energy infrastructure of the future. We didn't lose to China; we gave the market to China. "China controls almost 60 percent of the solar market worldwide."

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/how-the-us-can-better-compete-with-china-in-the-clean-energy-technology-cold-war>

Further, I urge this Committee to review all regulator laws which impede progress, in addition to turning thumbs-down on HB4575.

Renewable Energy Boomed In 2020

Net global renewable energy capacity additions by year (in gigawatts)



Source: International Energy Agency



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