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Michigan House Tax Policy Committee
Room 521, House Office Building
124 N Capitol Ave
Lansing MI, 48933

Dear Chair Neeley and members of the Committee:

The American Clean Power Association (ACP) and Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 4317 and HB 4318, which amends the general property tax act and creates a new payment in-lieu of tax (PILT) program for certain renewable energy facilities.

ACP is a national trade association representing a broad range of businesses in clean energy, including wind energy, solar energy, energy storage, and transmission line developers.

CGA is a nonprofit organization that works across nine states in the upper Midwest, including Michigan. CGA's membership consists of wind and solar developers, manufacturers, and nonprofit clean energy advocacy organizations. CGA's goal is to advance renewable energy development opportunities across the region.

ACP and CGA would like to express our support for HB 4317 and HB 4318. Establishing a voluntary PILT program for solar facilities 2 megawatts and higher will provide much needed tax certainty for solar project owners over the life of the project. This will also provide a stable and predictable revenue stream for local units of government.

As the upper Midwest transitions away from traditional power generation towards clean energy alternatives, providing a predictable taxing structure in Michigan for renewable energy facilities will pave the way for future development and economic opportunities across the state.

ACP and CGA appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 4317 and HB 4318 and urge the committee to support passage of these bills.

Sincerely,

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