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Hello Chairman Nesbitt, Vice Chair Glenn, Vice Chair LaVoy and the entire committee; thank you for hosting this hearing and allowing me to speak my concerns related to Michigan's current energy policy.

My name is William Revely and I am a member of the Baptist Council.

Reliable electricity is vital to any business, family or neighborhood. Churches are no exception and often form the bedrock of a community.

Our state is experiencing continued economic expansion after recovering from the recession. Stable, affordable power is essential to maintaining this growth.

In addition to providing reliable service to Michigan businesses, the regulated utilities provide local jobs and infrastructure. They are committed to powering Michigan into the future.

Michigan's energy future should not be determined by anyone but Michiganders. This is why I support Representative Nesbitt's plan to fully regulate our electricity market.

Michigan's regulated utilities are committed to providing reliable and affordable energy for all of Michigan into the foreseeable future. We are all aware of the projected capacity shortfall expected to hit the Lower Peninsula next year, as well as the ugly situation that has played out in the Upper Peninsula.

We need an energy policy that puts Michigan first and we cannot afford to wait until we have an energy crisis on our hands. I urge you to support full regulation of the energy market to make sure no Michigander has to ever worry about unreliable electricity.

Thank you again for your time.

