Eddie Sleeper

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To: Eddie Sleeper
Subject: Testimony for February 13, 2018 Energy CMTE Meeting

I am writing due to the concern that I have with the extreme usage chargers that I have received from DTE, that I believe are inaccurate.

DTE changed my meet to a smart meter close to December 2017. My bills have been showing large increases in usage. I have made no changes in my house that would show an increase energy usage.

My October bill shows a 43% increase from the previous year.
November bill has a 86% increase usage from the previous year.
December shows 70%, January 53% and February 58%.

Again we as a family have not changed anything that we do or own. If any changes are made, they are to conserve energy. We can not handle these large bills that have increased by $100-$200 more due to the usage increase.

Only big change is the Fancy new smart meter!!

They did come to check it, the tech looked at it and said "yes, it is working". I have called to schedule them to test it, which I was under the impression DTE was going to do the first visit.
I feel having DTE check their own equipment is the same as asking the fox to watch the hen house.

Please help... these bills are taking from my food budget
Sincerely
Laura Stade