

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Applauds State Legislature for Passing Comprehensive Energy Reform

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today applauded the Michigan Legislature for passing a much-needed comprehensive energy reform for Michigan.

"By passing this legislation (House Bills 5524 and Senate Bill 213), the Michigan Legislature has set the framework to help build new energy sources in Michigan and ensure homeowners and business have access to safe, reliable and affordable energy," said Rich Studley, President & CEO of the Michigan Chamber. "We applaud Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, House Speaker Andy Dillon, and Governor Granholm for working together on this important economic development issue."

"Getting the fundamentals of Michigan's economy right is a key factor in future economic growth for our state," noted Jim Holcomb, Vice President of Business Advocacy & Associate General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "Having reliable and affordable energy is an important requirement in moving Michigan forward."

"A critically important element of this package for Michigan's job providers is returning to electric rates based on cost of service for industrial and commercial rate payers," explained Doug Roberts, Jr., Director of Environmental & Energy Policy for the Michigan Chamber. "Phasing out the subsidy paid by business customers over the next five years will provide over \$350 million in rate relief. This much needed rate relief will help to make Michigan's electric rates for employers more competitive with other states."

We applaud the following lawmakers for their leadership role in fashioning this legislation: Representatives: Frank Accavitti, Jr., Jeff Mayes, Mike Nofs and David Palsrok; and Senators Patty Birkholz and Randy Richardville.

The Michigan Chamber also expresses its thanks to the following lawmakers for voting to support job providers on this important issue.

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