

Your engagement is needed! Action expected next week on renewable energy preemption bills

Your outreach to your state representative, your state senator and the governor is critical **as every vote matters** in the fight to retain local authority against House Bills [5120](#), [5121](#), [5122](#) and [5123](#), and Senate Bills [585](#), [586](#), [587](#) and [588](#). The legislation to preempt local authority on the location and permitting of utility-scale wind and solar facilities in communities, and shift authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission is expected to be voted on next week by the House—with Senate action the following week. Following testimony Wednesday from citizens, organizations and numerous local officials opposing this legislation, the House committee reported HBs 585-588 by a vote of 9 to 7.

MTA strongly opposes this legislation that completely negates all adopted local zoning ordinances and silences the voice of the residents through voter referendums on the issue. Decisions on the location of renewable facilities create a lasting change for local communities, their future development, their businesses and farmland—and should remain with the local community where that facility will be located for the next 20 to 50 years. This legislation, only recently introduced, is being pushed rapidly through the legislative process.

If you reached out to your legislators already, thank you—and please do so again as lawmakers are receiving a lot of pressure and some may change their vote. **Your (and your residents') outreach to your [state representative](#), [senator](#), and the [governor's office](#) remains critical given the aggressive timeframe on this legislation.** Additional information and talking points can be found on [MTA's "Renewable Energy Siting and Permitting" webpage](#). **Remember—every call and contact matters.**