



MICHIGAN STATE SENATE  
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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**Economy/Budget**

The Democrats in Lansing are spending every penny of YOUR hard-earned money:

- At the May Revenue Estimating Conference, revenues are estimated to decline by billions, BILLIONS!
- Senate Democrats have passed the largest state budget in our state's history
- If Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's budget proposal were to be enacted, the state would go from a \$9 billion surplus to \$1 billion deficit while also raising \$20 million in fees on families
- The budget passed by Lansing Democrats spends your money on swimming pools, pickleball courts and electric school buses
- Republicans offered over 170 amendments prioritizing rebuilding aging infrastructure, strengthening law enforcement and school safety, investing in education and providing tax relief from record inflation
  - All our amendments were defeated by the Democrats

**Energy**

The Democrats have introduced the "Clean Energy Future Plan":

- Phaseout coal-fired electricity generating plants by 2030
- Develop a 100% clean energy standard by 2035
- Reduce the carbon intensity of transportation Fuels by 25% by 2035
- Promote the purchase, use and support of electric vehicles
- Give a non-elected Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) more authority

*What does this truly mean?*

As energy companies have shifted toward renewable energy, they have closed coal and nuclear plants around this state. At the same time, our rates have gone up during "peak" hours, the grid is less reliable with longer outages and rolling brownouts. All of this before their Clean Energy Future Plan - 100% clean energy standard in 12 years, incentivized electric vehicles and green homes and businesses hit the grid.

One of our Electric Companies believes they need a bare minimum of 60,000 acres for solar to make up for the energy produced at closed plants.

What is 60,000 acres:

- It's roughly 94 square miles, or
- It's 2/3 of the City of Detroit, or
- It's more than the land of Port Huron, Port Huron Township, Ft. Gratiot, Marysville, City of St. Clair and China Township COMBINED!

Who will pay for the cost of energy when those incentivized electric cars are charging? What determines the peak rate then? What determines the rolling brownouts with hundreds of thousands EVs plugged in?

There is a time and a place for these ideas, but Michigan is nowhere near ready.