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Dear Chair Scripps,

In November of 2021, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, HR 3684, 117th Cong (2021). The Infrastructure Bill includes several provisions that relate to utility infrastructure improvement that could help Michigan make the transition to clean energy earlier and more affordable for customers.

The legislation includes around \$550 billion in federal investment. As explained by the White House Fact Sheet, the legislation “[h]elps us tackle the climate crisis by making the largest investment in clean energy transmission and EV infrastructure in history; electrifying thousands of school and transit buses across the country; and creating a new Grid Deployment Authority to build a resilient, clean, 21st century electric grid.”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/02/updated-fact-sheet-bipartisan-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act/>

I, along with the Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, want to ensure that Michigan utilities are carefully considering and taking advantage of these available federal grants and loans. We believe that through your leadership at the Public Service Commission, Michigan is making great strides in the area of clean energy and we want to continue that progress. Similar to a North Carolina Utilities Commission Order issued last month, we ask that the Michigan Public Service Commission issue an order asking the utilities and interested parties to file comments on available federal programs as they pertain to Michigan’s regulated utilities.

As the Chief Consumer Advocate on behalf of all utility customers and in partnership with the Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, we thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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