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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: May 17, 2023

RE: **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CUSTOMER CHOICE AND ELECTRIC
RELIABILITY ACT**

Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a **RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENT OF THE CUSTOMER CHOICE AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ACT.**

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY:

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CUSTOMER CHOICE
AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ACT**

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit recognizes the urgent need to transition to a more sustainable and renewable energy future; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act was enacted in 2008 to provide Michigan residents and businesses with greater choice and competition in the electric market; and

WHEREAS, The Act includes a provision that limits the amount of electric choice available to customers to no more than 10% of the total electric load in each utility service area which has limited the ability of the City of Detroit, Michigan residents, and businesses to fully realize the benefits of electric competition, including lower electricity prices, increased innovation and efficiency, and access to renewable sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, Other states, including neighboring Ohio and Illinois, have lifted, or raised similar caps on electric choice with positive results; Michigan residents and businesses deserve the same opportunities to benefit from a competitive electric market as those in other states; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit recognizes that removing the 10% cap on customer choice will result in significant benefits for the community and environment by allowing customers to access more renewable energy sources, helping to reduce the carbon footprint of the city, and contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment for all residents, and

WHEREAS, Promoting renewable energy sources, will allow the city to take advantage of the many benefits of sustainable energy, including increased energy security and reliability, improved public health, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Removing the cap will incentivize more investment in renewable energy infrastructure, creating new jobs and economic opportunities for the city, and helping to stimulate the local economy and increase the city's competitiveness in the green energy sector. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the City of Detroit urges the State of Michigan to amend the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act by removing the 10% cap to allow customers access to more renewable energy sources, creating a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future for all residents, **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, members of the Michigan State Senate, Michigan State House of Representatives, and the Michigan Public Service Commission, urging them to take swift action on this matter.

May 18, 2023