MTA Q&A: Renewable Energy Facilities Preemption Legislation— and How You Can Get Involved

Monday, Oct. 16 | 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Largest legislative challenge facing currently
- Land use in a municipality
- Legislative attack on local authority
- Need for engagement

HB 5120	SB 585	Alternative Energy Sources—Authorizes MPSC certification for solar, wind and storage facilities of 100 MW or more for zoning exemptions.
HB 5121	SB 588	Land Use—Makes zoning enabling act subject to certification of solar, wind and storage facilities of 100 MW or more.
HB 5122	SB 586	Alternative Energy Sources—Authorizes MPSC certification for solar and storage facilities of 50 or more MW but less than 100 MW for zoning exemptions.
HB 5123	SB 587	Land Use—Makes zoning enabling act subject to certification of solar and storage facilities of 50 or more MW but less than 100 MW.

Eliminates local approval for siting and permitting

Creates one-size-fits-all approach on land use

Negates existing municipal ordinances

Eliminates voice of citizens / right of voter referendum

No limitation on the overall area of land utilized in a municipality

No provisions on enforcement

No provision on fire protection / emergency response approval

No community host agreement for additional infrastructure / public safety

Allows applicant to make minor changes after site plan approved

Allows use of noncontiguous parcels to meet megawatt threshold

Allows site plan requirements subject to rulemaking authority

Allows decommissioning plan to be phased in with only 25% initially

Engagement needed

Contact with your state senator, state representative and the governor

Explain your opposition to the legislation

Ask for their position

Share with residents in your community

Partnership

Engagement needed

- Contact your state representative
  - www.house.mi.gov/#findarepresentative

- Contact your state senator
  - www.senate.michigan.gov/

- Contact Gov. Whitmer
  - https://somgovweb.state.mi.us/GovRelations/ContactGovernor.aspx
  - 517-335-7858 (Constituent Services)