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Rob Ozar
Manager, Energy Efficiency Section Electric Reliability Division
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
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Dear Mr. Ozar:

I greatly appreciate the meeting yesterday with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding potential sponsors for a Michigan-based Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) program.

As you well know, the whole-house audit program envisioned by Michigan Saves fits very well with the HPwES approach, and has received extremely favorable reaction from the nearly 100 members of the advisory group. Offering a program that includes a whole home audit, responsible installation, and third-party verification and validation is the best approach to meaningful energy savings across the state for homeowners, business owners, and facility managers seeking to make large-scale energy improvements.

Michigan Saves looks forward to partnering with any entity in Michigan that plans to become a sponsor of HPwES by offering innovative financing products. We will work actively with you and the state's utilities to ensure that all whole-home audit programs of Michigan Saves take advantage of the HPwES service anywhere it is offered. Furthermore, in locations where HPwES is not offered, we continue to commit the Michigan Saves program to working within the framework of the MPSC-approved energy optimization plans for the state's utilities. Michigan Saves first articulated these principles in reaction to feedback from the advisory group in Fall 2009, and we believe those principles are equally critical to the success of Michigan Saves today.

Thank you for your commitment to the HPwES program and concepts, and an extra thank you for your continued support of Michigan Saves as we transition from conceptual design to program implementation and operation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Williams
Program Director