



## **GRATIOT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION 2014-01**

### **A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE HOUSE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARINGS AND A VOTE TO REPORT OUT OF COMMITTEE HOUSE BILL 4315 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WHOLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS, DTE and Consumers Energy are replacing analog meters with SMART meters in Michigan and will have the process completed by 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are serious health concerns regarding the potentially harmful electromagnetic frequencies radiation transmitted by SMART meters as well concerns about loss of citizen's privacy; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4315 of 2013 would allow customers of DTE and Consumers Power to "opt out" of the use of SMART meters without paying a one-time fee of \$69 and a monthly charge of \$9.72 as currently approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission has the power to increase the monthly "Opt-Out" fee and other electrical rates at intervals and

WHEREAS, the SMART meter technology collects personal data and has the potential to violate personal privacy rights, we are asking that the Michigan House Energy and Technology Committee bring up HB 4315 for consideration for passage by the Committee and referral to the whole House; and

WHEREAS, records indicate that DTE and Consumers Energy have given campaign contributions of over \$110,000.00<sup>1</sup> to members of the House Energy and Technology Committee; and

WHEREAS, we expect our Representatives to protect the health and constitutional rights of the citizens of the state and not be swayed by the powerful lobbyists and special interest groups; and

THEREFORE, it is resolved by a vote of the majority of the Gratiot County Republican Party members present that we urge the Chairman and members of the House Energy and Technology Committee to give HB 4315 the hearings and consideration it is due in in order to protect our health and privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairman and members of the House Energy & Technology Committee requesting timely consideration of House Bill 4315. Additionally, copies will be transmitted to our Representatives.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2014

By Order of the members of the Gratiot County Republican Party



Gratiot County Chairperson



Gratiot County Vice-Chairperson