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August 31, 2011

Terri Kowal, MMC
Clerk of the Charter Township of Shelby
52700 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316-3572

Dear Clark Kowal:

I am in receipt of the correspondence sent to Governor Rick Snyder on August 17, 2011. Governor Snyder asked that I respond directly to your concerns as they relate to smart meters.

The United States federal government and the international health community, including the World Health Organization, plus numerous independent studies have deemed low-level radio frequency (RF) to be completely safe. The Federal Communications Commission has adopted Maximum Permissible Exposure limits for radio transmitters of all types, including smart meters. These limits also include a prudent margin of safety. Even so, smart meters operate far below the limit. The RF waves used in smart meters are less than many familiar products including cell phones, televisions, microwave ovens, and wireless laptops.

Several reports providing additional information on the radio frequency of smart meters are available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) website at www.michigan.gov/mpsc (Smart Grid tab).

In addition, at this time public utilities in Michigan do not have an opt-out program in place. Opt-out programs are at the discretion of the utility company.

Again, thank you for recently contacting Governor Snyder. If you have any additional questions in regards to smart meters or your public utility, please do not hesitate to contact the MPSC directly by calling 1-800-292-9555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Sachs".

Steve Sachs
Director of Constituent Relations
Executive Office of the Governor, Rick Snyder