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Michigan League of Conservation Voters Applauds State Senate for Passing Plan to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Improvements for Michigan Families

ANN ARBOR — The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (LCV) today applauded the Michigan Senate for voting to make energy efficiency improvements for customers of municipal utilities more accessible. The Senate passed HB 5397, sponsored by **Rep. Joe Haveman** (R Holland), with strong bipartisan support. The measure was passed by the Michigan House of Representatives in June.

“We applaud the Michigan Senate for working in a bipartisan way to help families and businesses save money, reduce energy waste and protect our air, land and water,” said **Jack Schmitt**, Deputy Director for **Michigan LCV**. “House Bill 5397 is a key step toward building a strong energy future for Michigan. Energy efficiency has huge promise to spark a new generation of appliances, windows and insulation made right here in Michigan.”

House Bill 5397 allows customers of municipal utilities to pay back loans for energy efficiency home improvements through installments on monthly energy bills—a financing program already available to commercial and industrial utility customers. The bill would provide financing to residential municipal utility customers for energy saving home improvements such as weatherproofing and updating appliances.

“Energy efficiency is common sense—it reduces waste and saves money,” Schmitt said. “Today’s vote by the Senate is an important step in the right direction as we work to expand access to clean, efficient, affordable energy across Michigan. We look forward to Governor Snyder signing House Bill 5397 into law.”

According to the [Michigan Public Service Commission](#) customers save nearly \$4 for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency.

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