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Renewable Energy Report Should Spark Legislative Action

ANN ARBOR --- Governor Snyder's final report on Michigan's renewable energy standard, released today, affirms that our state is capable of tripling its goal by 2035. Michigan LCV says the report gives the green light to the Michigan legislature to get to work on legislation that would increase our state's renewable energy standard.

"Michigan is capable of producing much more renewable energy, and lowering the cost of electricity statewide," said Jack Schmitt, Deputy Director for Michigan LCV. "Governor Snyder's report is the seal of approval for the state legislature to pass higher standards. We look forward to working with them to do so."

Michigan is falling behind nearly 30 other states with stronger renewable energy goals, yet the cost of renewables, such as wind and solar, is now significantly cheaper than coal or natural gas. Renewables offer a path to relief for Michigan's high energy costs, which are some of the most expensive rates in the Midwest.

"We cannot let the good news from Governor Snyder's report rest on its own," Schmitt said. "Now, we will be looking to leaders in the legislature, from both sides of the aisle, to pull together for a stronger standard that saves us money, creates jobs and cleans up the environment."

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