

STATEMENT

In the State Senate, Kristen McDonald-Rivet voted for a California-style energy policy in Michigan that would raise utility bills by \$2,700 a year and has been backed by radical environmental groups. She even supported allowing local Michigan government officials to ban natural gas stoves.

Verification

The Clean Energy Future Plan

In 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Green Energy Legislation That Would Require The State To Use 100 Percent Clean Energy By 2040 - A Faster Forced Energy Transition Than Even California

VIDEO: Rivet Touted The Clean Energy Package That Sets Michigan To Have 100 Percent Clean Energy By 2040. “As you know, we are very busy at work on a clean energy package, uh, setting the goal that Michigan will be entirely clean energy by [unintelligible]. So I think that we are on draft 10 of one of the bills that sets the 2040 target. We're working really hard energy law is very complex, it's very hard. So the idea is we have to ensure that we're bringing rates down, that we're increasing reliability, and that we're working with everybody involved. So we do have industry at the table, we've got utilities at the table, we've got the environmentalists at the table talking to local communities. And so it's we're hard at work doing that and hopefully you should be able to see something, uh, move in the next couple of weeks.” (Fundraising Picnic In Midland, MI, [Clipped](#), 10/6/23)
Minute: 1:24 – 2:06

- **VIDEO: Rivet: “As You Know, We Are Very Busy At Work On A Clean Energy Package”** (Fundraising Picnic In Midland, MI, [Clipped](#), 10/6/23) Minute: 1:24 – 2:06
- **VIDEO: Rivet: “So The Idea Is We Have To Ensure That We're Bringing Rates Down, That We're Increasing Reliability, And That We're Working With Everybody Involved.”** (Fundraising Picnic In Midland, MI, [Clipped](#), 10/6/23) Minute: 1:24 – 2:06

In October 2023, The Michigan Senate Passed Senate Bills 271, 273, And 502, Which Would Require The State To Use 100 Percent Clean Energy By 2040. “MIDLAND, Mich. — Bills passed by the Michigan Senate last night will drastically increase Michigan’s energy costs and harm energy reliability. The Senate passed SB 271, SB 273 and SB 502, which would require the state to use 100% clean energy by 2040.” (Holly Wetzel, “New Energy Bills Would Increase Costs And Blackouts,” [Mackinac Center For Public Policy](#), 10/27/23)

HEADLINE: “Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels” (Thomas Catenacci, “Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels,” [Fox News](#), 11/29/23)



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GRETCHEN WHITMER

Michigan Dems, Gretchen Whitmer are pursuing a Green New Deal, threatening future grid stability

'Prices are going to go up, reliability is going to go way down,' Michigan energy expert tells Fox News Digital

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(Thomas Catenacci, "Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels," [Fox News](#), 10/27/23)

On October 26, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Senate Bill 271. (SB 271, [Roll Call #629](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

Roll Call No. 629		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—18			
Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		
Excused—0			
Not Voting—0			

(SB 271, [Roll Call #629](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

On November 8, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Final Passage Of Senate Bill 271, Concurring With The House. (SB 271, [Roll Call #674](#), Passed: 20 – 17, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Roll Call No. 674		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—17			
Albert	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Huizenga	McBroom	Theis
Daley	Johnson	Nesbitt	Victory
Damoose	Lauwers	Outman	Webber
Hauck			
Excused—1			
Bumstead			

(SB 271, [Roll Call #674](#), Passed: 20 – 17, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Senate Bill 271 Establishes A Renewable Energy Standard Of 50 Percent By 2030 And 60% By 2035. “Senate Bill 271, one of the bills included in the package, establishes a renewable energy standard of 50% by 2030 and 60% by 2035, meaning electric utilities meet at least that share of their electric generation capacity with renewable energy credits or direct renewable energy generation. That mandate supersedes previous laws requiring utilities to achieve a 15% renewable energy standard through 2029.” (Thomas Catenacci, "Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels," [Fox News](#), 11/29/23)

Senate Bill 271 Requires Utility Providers To Meet An 80 Percent Clean Energy Standard By 2035 And A 100 Percent Clean Energy Standard By 2040. “In addition, under the bill, utility providers must meet an 80% clean energy standard by 2035 and a 100% clean energy standard set to be achieved by 2040. The clean energy standard would include natural gas-fired generation with 90% carbon capture, a nascent and expensive technology that hasn't been deployed at

any power plant nationwide.” (Thomas Catenacci, “Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels,” [Fox News](#), 11/29/23)

The Senate Passed Senate Bill 271 Would Require Energy Companies To Generate 50% Of Their Energy Through Renewable Sources By 2030 And 60% By 2035. “The Senate passed Senate Bill 271, sponsored by state Sen. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), would require energy companies to generate 50% of their energy through renewable sources by 2030 and 60% by 2035 which would include sources like biomass, landfill gas made from solid waste, gas from methane digesters using municipal sewage waste, food waste and animal manure, and energy-generating incinerators in operation before Jan. 1, 2023.” (Kyle Davidson, “Michigan Senate Advances Clean Energy Legislation Amid Fierce Opposition From Republicans,” [Michigan Advance](#), 10/27/23)

Senate Bill 271 Would Also Require Energy Companies To Meet A 100% Clean Energy Standard By 2040. “It would also require energy companies to meet a 100% clean energy standard by 2040 which would include nuclear power and natural gas using 90% effective carbon capture technology.” (Kyle Davidson, “Michigan Senate Advances Clean Energy Legislation Amid Fierce Opposition From Republicans,” [Michigan Advance](#), 10/27/23)

On October 26, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Senate Bill 273. (SB 273, [Roll Call #602](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

Roll Call No. 602		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—18			
Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		

(SB 273, [Roll Call #602](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

On November 8, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Final Passage Of Senate Bill 273, Concurring With The House. (SB 273, [Roll Call #705](#), Passed: 20 – 15, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Roll Call No. 705		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—15			
Albert	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bellino	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Damoose	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad	
Excused—3			
Bumstead	Daley	Lauwers	

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(SB 273, [Roll Call #705](#), Passed: 20 – 15, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Senate Bill 273 Would Increase The State’s Energy Waste Reduction Standard For Electrical Sources From 1% To 1.5% With A Goal Of 2% And Slightly Increase The Standard For Natural Gas From .75% To .875% Beginning In 2026. “Senate Bill 273,

sponsored by Sen. Sam Singh (D-East Lansing), would increase the state’s energy waste reduction standard for electrical sources from 1% to 1.5% with a goal of 2%. It would also slightly increase the standard for natural gas from .75% to .875% beginning in 2026.” (Kyle Davidson, “Michigan Senate Advances Clean Energy Legislation Amid Fierce Opposition From Republicans,” [Michigan Advance](#), 10/27/23)

On October 26, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Senate Bill 502. (SB 502, [Roll Call #613](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

Roll Call No. 613		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—18			
Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		

(SB 502, [Roll Call #613](#), Passed: 20 – 18, Rivet Voting Yea, 10/26/23)

On November 8, 2023, Rivet Voted In Favor Of Final Passage Of Senate Bill 502, Concurring With The House. (SB 502, [Roll Call #676](#), Passed: 20 – 17, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Roll Call No. 676		Yeas—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Nays—17			
Albert	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Huizenga	McBroom	Theis
Daley	Johnson	Nesbitt	Victory
Damoose	Lauwers	Outman	Webber
Hauck			
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Excused—1			
Bumstead			

(SB 502, [Roll Call #676](#), Passed: 20 – 17, Rivet Voting Yea, 11/8/23)

Senate Bill 502 Would Require The Michigan Public Service Commission To Weigh Factors Like Equity, Environmental Justice, Affordability, Compliance With Clean Energy Standards And Public Health When Considering Energy Companies’ Plans For Future Operations. “Senate Bill 502, sponsored by Sen. Sue Shink (D-Northfield Twp.), would require the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to weigh factors like equity, environmental justice, affordability, compliance with clean energy standards and public health, among other factors when considering energy companies’ plans for future operations.” (Kyle Davidson, “Michigan Senate Advances Clean Energy Legislation Amid Fierce Opposition From Republicans,” [Michigan Advance](#), 10/27/23)

Michigan’s Recently Passed Legislation That Requires That The State Generate 80 Percent Of Its Electricity From Wind, Solar And Other Carbon-Free Sources By 2035 And 100 Percent By 2040 Is A Faster Forced Energy Transition Than The One In California. “Michigan recently passed legislation that requires that the state generate 80 percent of its electricity from wind, solar and other carbon-free sources by 2035 and 100 percent by 2040, which is a faster forced energy transition than the one in California—a state that has often been the leader in

climate programs with associated energy price increases. Michigan's new legislation would also tighten energy efficiency requirements for electric utilities, have more residents enroll in a rooftop solar energy program and streamline permits for new wind and solar power. It also allows electric utilities to continue to use natural gas, as long as 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions released are captured and stored—an expensive technology and process not yet commercially available. The bill also mandates that utilities reach a separate renewable energy credit portfolio standard of 60 percent by 2035—a massive undertaking in just over a decade.” (“Michigan Passes Climate Legislation More Extreme Than That Of California,” [Institute For Energy Research](#), 11/14/23)

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According To The Mackinac Center For Public Policy The Clean Energy Future Plan Would Nearly Double The Average Monthly Electric Bill In Coming Decades. “Under the Clean Energy Future plan, the average monthly electric bill would be nearly double the current average in coming decades, according to a recent report from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a free market think tank which analyzed the package of energy bills. The report further warns that overall grid reliability would be severely diminished under the plan.” (Thomas Catenacci, “Michigan Gov Whitmer Signs Sweeping Green Energy Bill Forcing Transition From Fossil Fuels,” [Fox News](#), 11/29/23)

- **According To The Mackinac Center For Public Policy, Michigan Ratepayers Can Expect An Additional \$2,746 A Year For Less Reliable Electricity.** “Michigan ratepayers can expect to pay an additional \$2,746 a year for less reliable electricity” (Holly Wetzel, “New Energy Bills Would Increase Costs And Blackouts,” [Mackinac Center For Public Policy](#), 10/27/23)

The Clean Energy Future Plan Is Supported By The Sierra Club

Michigan's Clean Energy Future Plan Was Supported By The Sierra Club. “Michigan became a national leader in clean energy investments in recent years. More than 100,000 jobs have been created and \$10 billion invested in solar component manufacturing, advanced batteries, wind turbine construction, energy efficiency and more. The shift to clean energy in Michigan is well underway - our biggest challenge is to make sure that politicians in Washington, in Lansing and in our hometowns don't block our clean energy future. Our state needs a clean energy future. Learn more about what the Sierra Club is doing to promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy in the state.” (“Michigan's Clean Energy Future,” [Sierra Club](#), Accessed 7/30/24)

An Advocacy Group For Farmers And Ranchers Referred To The Sierra Club As 'Radical Extremist' Group

Protect The Harvest Was Created To Defend And Support Farmers, Ranchers, Outdoor Enthusiasts, And Animal Owners. “Protect The Harvest was created to defend and preserve American freedoms and to support farmers, ranchers, outdoor enthusiasts, and animal owners. Most Americans are unaware that there are special interest groups in America that have evolved into a wealthy and well-organized movement that is determined to change our way of life. These groups are aiming to control agriculture, land and water use, and eliminate human-animal interaction as well as hunting and fishing. Their approach is to reach their goal incrementally via influencing public opinion with misinformation and writing, funding and marketing legislation and regulations to suit their agenda. The end result is an America that is less free and less prosperous, the elimination of animal ownership and human-animal interaction, the elimination of our ability to provide affordable food for our families and the ability to enjoy traditional past times.” (“Mission-About Protect The Harvest,” [Protect The Harvest](#), Accessed 7/30/24)

Protect The Harvest Called The Sierra Club A 'Radical Extremist' Group. “It should be reiterated that, by utilizing off-shore accounts, the Sierra Club can surreptitiously fund the network of more radical extremist groups such as Earth First!, while still appearing respectable in the public eye.” (“Sierra Club-Big Green At Its Worst,” [Protect The Harvest](#), Accessed 7/30/24)

Local Governments Natural Gas Ban

On October 26, 2023, McDonald Rivet Voted Against Prohibiting Local Governments From Banning Gas Stoves

On October 26, 2023, McDonald Rivet An Amendment To Block The Enforcement Of A Bill Unless Senate Bill 10 Was Enacted Into Law. “Senator Bellino offered the following amendment: 1. Amend page 59, following line 7, by inserting: ‘Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 10 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.’. The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor. The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:” (SB 271, Amendment 59, [Roll Call #617](#), Failed: 18 – 20, Rivet Voting Nay, 10/26/23)

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The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:			
Roll Call No. 617		Yeas—18	
Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		
		Nays—20	
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
		Excused—0	
		Not Voting—0	

(SB 271, [Roll Call #617](#), Failed: 18 – 20, Rivet Voting Nay, 10/26/23)

Senate Bill 10 Would Have Prohibited Municipalities From Imposing Bans On Natural Gas And Natural Infrastructure. “A bill to prohibit municipalities from imposing a ban on the use of natural gas or the installation of natural gas infrastructure; to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental officers and entities; and to provide that certain local ordinances, resolutions, or policies are void and unenforceable.” (Senate Bill 10, [Michigan Legislature](#), Accessed 7/31/24)