February 28, 2011

House Energy and Technology Committee
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Re: HB 4314 – Modification of Michigan Telecommunication Act

Dear Representatives,

The Michigan Environmental Council is an umbrella group of 65 environmental and conservation groups located across the state. We wanted to take this opportunity to endorse the concept included within HB 4314 regarding the printing and distribution of annual printed telephone directories.

Under this provision, providers of basic local service will no longer be required to print and distribute the directories to all customers. However, the customers will be able to receive a printed or electronic version upon request. We think this provision will cut down on the unnecessary use of paper and ink and reduce the need to dispose of, or recycle the directories.

Sincerely,

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