

March 3, 2025

To: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Subject: City of Milwaukie support SB88 Junk out of Rates

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of SB 88**. Affordability is one of Milwaukie City Council's new goals for FY 2025-27. It has been prioritized as our community continues to struggle under the weight of drastic increases in energy utility bills, specifically in the last five years. The City Council's goal represents our commitment to providing utility relief for ratepayers, but more action is needed to get utility rate hikes under control. SB 88 will make sure that advertising, legal and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not ratepayer pockets. This bill aligns with Milwaukie's commitment by preventing excessive rate hikes and keeping energy more affordable for working families and small businesses.

We appreciate your consideration of our input and ask for your support of SB 88

Sincerely,



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