



May 16, 2024

The Honorable Dana Nessel
Attorney General
State of Michigan
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Attorney General Nessel,

We write to you today to express our opposition to your misguided plan to sue Michigan job providers. Tax dollars are not limitless and should not be wasted on publicity stunts.

The oil and gas industry employs thousands of Michiganders, while heating the homes and fueling the vehicles of millions more. It plays an essential role in the production of food, medical equipment, clothing, and technology like cell phones.

Beyond attempting to cripple an industry critical to our state's economy and well-being, such overtly political litigation sets a dangerous precedent. The legal system should not be used as a tool for advancing political agendas or targeting political adversaries. Such an abuse of power threatens the public's trust in our institutions.

Much like your misguided and failed attempts to shut down one of Michigan's critical energy arteries, this publicity stunt will do nothing but waste taxpayer dollars, discourage investment in our state, and weaponize our legal system. We encourage you to instead focus your office's time and resources on prosecuting violent crime, human trafficking, and fentanyl distribution.

Respectfully,

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Michele Hoytenga
State Senator
District 36

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Aric Nesbitt
Senate Republican Leader
District 20

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Thomas Albert
State Senator
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Joe Bellino
State Senator
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Jon Bumstead
State Senator
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Kevin Daley
State Senator
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John Damoose
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