LET’S MOVE LANSING BEYOND COAL

And don’t give us gas.

Transition Lansing from dirty coal to clean, renewable energy and skip natural gas.
Dear Lansing Board of Water and Light Commissioners,

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2. Plan now for the transition away from both LBWL’s dirty coal plants, Eckert and Erickson, as quickly as possible to improve air quality, save lives and limit costs.
3. Maximize investment in clean, renewable energy, including local rooftop solar, instead of fossil fuels like natural gas, which expose Lansing customers to volatile prices.
4. Implement the above by maximizing local job creation — with local clean energy investments like efficiency and renewables that can’t be outsourced.

Let the sun shine on Lansing!

As recently as 2013 there were 15 coal-burning units operating in the Lansing area. There is now only one left that does not yet have plans for retirement, the Erickson power plant on the southwest side of Lansing. Our Hometown Energy Future should be the cleanest and most efficient in the state of Michigan. The Board of Water and Light (BWL) is a public utility owned by the residents of Lansing and it should be using its resources to benefit the people of Lansing broadly. The proposed future energy plan does not go far enough to protect our health, or the financial future of the Lansing area. An alternate plan should be adopted that prioritizes these four simple points:

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DON’T GIVE US GAS

The BWL is considering building up to three new natural gas fired power plants in Lansing over the next decade. The first could be as early as 2020. Let’s end the era of fossil fuels for our electricity with no new gas plants and let the sun shine on Lansing!

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