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Senators,

Today, I signed Enrolled Senate Bill 103 of 2021, the Transmission Infrastructure Planning Act.

As part of a comprehensive electricity delivery strategy, Michigan needs next-generation transmission infrastructure that keeps pace with the growth of our electric vehicle industry and the threats to grid stability brought about by our changing climate. Our goal is clear: ensure that even as extreme weather events intensify, the lights stay on and costs remain low. Signing SB 103 will expedite development of the transmission infrastructure we need by simplifying the planning process.

SB 103 also provides the Michigan Public Service Commission with tools to hold transmission companies accountable for keeping costs under control. But my hope is that MPSC never has to use that tool. With the confidence provided by this bill, Michigan's transmission owners owe it to the people of Michigan to build the next-generation transmission infrastructure to power our future while keeping costs to consumers low.

I look forward to working with utilities, transmission owners, and the legislature to ensure that Michigan's electricity sector accounts for the challenges of the 21st Century and delivers for the people of Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor