

Here's exactly how residents can send letters to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and make sure they're officially entered into the docket before 10/31/2025:

1. Emailing the Commission Directly

- Send your letter as an email to: mpscdockets@michigan.gov
 - In the subject line, include: Public Comment – Case No. U-21867
 - Attach your letter as a PDF or Word doc if you want the formatting preserved.
 - In the body of the email, make it clear you are requesting the comment be entered into the public docket.
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2. Mailing a Hard Copy

- Address it to:
Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917
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3. Adding Notes for Docket Filing

When submitting, make sure to include:

- Case Number **Case U-21867 – MIRPP Parameters**
 - Your full name and mailing address (so it's accepted into the record).
 - A line such as: "Please enter these comments into the official docket for Case U-21867."
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4. Tips for Residents

- Short comments (even just a few sentences) are helpful if many residents participate — volume matters.
- Multiple family members can each send their own letters.
- Encourage neighbors to mention *local impact*: proximity to substations, safety fears, noise, or health worries — that personalizes it.

Subject: Public Comment on BESS Projects **Case U-21867 – MIRPP Parameters**

Dear Commissioners,

Michigan already has 17 GW of BESS projects proposed, nearly 700% above the 2.5 GW 2030 goal, even though your own reports show the state has enough electricity capacity. This oversaturation is subsidy-driven, not need-based.

At the same time, BESS units can be sited just 300 feet from homes, despite growing safety concerns. Industry data shows **system-level defects jumped from 48% to 72% in one year**, with most failures caused by rushed design and integration errors — a direct result of racing to meet incentives. Fires and toxic releases in other states prove these risks are real.

Because PA 233 stripped local governments of authority, only the MPSC can protect residents. Please require **industrial siting or 1-mile buffers, strong financial assurances, and safety modeling** before approving more projects. Michigan families deserve protection from unnecessary and unsafe development.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Full Address]

Contacting The Michigan Senate Government Operations Committee to Act on House Bills 4027 & 4028

How Senate Government Operations Works

- The Chair (currently Senator Winnie Brinks, Senate Majority Leader) decides what bills get hearings.
 - Majority party leadership often uses this committee to hold politically sensitive bills; sometimes they never get hearings unless leadership wants them to move.
 - Public pressure matters: If enough residents, associations, and local governments write in, it signals to leadership that there is real constituent interest in seeing the bills heard.
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Why Contacting the Committee Helps

- Raises visibility: Committee members may not know how strongly citizens and townships feel about HB 4027 / 4028.
 - Puts it on their radar: Staff track how many people write or call in about specific bills.
 - Signals bipartisan concern: Even if the bills are partisan, showing broad grassroots demand makes it harder to ignore.
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How to Contact Them

- Direct email/phone to the Chair (Brinks) and members of Government Operations.
- CC your own Senator so they know you're paying attention.
- Be concise: Identify yourself, reference the bills (HB 4027 & HB 4028), and state clearly that you want the committee to schedule hearings so residents have a voice.

Dear Senator Brinks and Members of the Government Operations Committee,

I am writing to urge you to schedule hearings for **House Bills 4027 and 4028**, which would restore local control over siting of large renewable and storage projects.

As a resident, I believe our townships, cities, and counties deserve a voice in protecting the health, safety, and property of local communities. Please give these bills a fair hearing so that citizens can be heard on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Michigan Senate Government Operations Standing Committee Members

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