



CITY OF CARMEL

JAMES BRAINARD, MAYOR

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Governor Mike Pence
State of Indiana
Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

I am writing to ask that you veto Senate Bill 340.

- Energy efficiency is an important part of Indiana's energy portfolio and is needed to help keep electric costs down for ratepayers.
- Senate Bill 340 would eliminate the energy savings goals, established in 2009 by the Daniels' Administration, that require utilities to implement comprehensive programs to reduce energy demand. This policy is working to flatten energy demand, as documented by the State Utility Forecasting Group at Purdue University last December.
- By prohibiting the IURC from requiring utilities to achieve energy savings goals, the state has no incentives or tools to encourage continued progress in reducing energy demand.
- Senate Bill 340 was amended on the House floor to go far beyond its original intent, which was to allow large customers to opt out of participating in energy efficiency programs. In addition to prohibiting the IURC from setting energy savings goals, the House amendments cancel the contract for the *Energizing Indiana* program at the end of 2014 and do not guarantee any programs to take its place. A better policy may be possible but this program should not be repealed until a replacement is implemented.

Thank you for considering vetoing this bill.

Very truly yours,



James Brainard
Mayor