

RE: E-Check

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chair Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify before you regarding House Resolution 247.

As a taxpaying resident of Portage County, I believe E-check is a waste of taxpayer's dollars. Ten years ago, we dropped way below the pollution standards that were used to justify E-check because factories were moved over to China, which lowered the nation's air pollutants.

Also, the emissions on cars have continued to decrease—we no longer see old “clunker” cars on the road. Most cars on the road now have new computerized systems, which will not run properly if the emissions are not functioning correctly. You will get a check engine light on your dash, which will notify you something is not working properly. You do not have to have E-check for that.

Now, E-check is nothing more than a jobs program and has no real benefit. All it does now is waste taxpayers dollars and time to take a vehicle to have it checked.

These E-check facilities should be closed and sold to private corporations to reutilize them for more productive tax paying jobs that would benefit the community.

Chairman Vitale, Vice Chair Kick, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns as a taxpayer. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.