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To the DTE Secretary

Replacing Special Business at General Meetings creates a severe restriction of democratic fairness. Members will be making important decisions without access to a discussion process and will not be able to cast a fully informed vote. Members will be unable to suggest amendments and unable to attempt to reach consensus.

The use of Election Buddy to replace Special Business at General Meetings undermines the spirit of DTE and ConFest.

We now lodge this formal complaint/dispute with the Board of DTE under Section 11 of the DTE rules in relation to the use of Election Buddy to replace Special Business at General Meetings.

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