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Senator David Senjem, Chair
Senator Andrew Mathews, Vice Chair
Senator Nick Frentz, Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee

RE: MREA letter in support of John Tuma to be confirmed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Dear Senators,

I am the Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association, and I enthusiastically offer this letter of support for John Tuma to be confirmed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

In docket after docket in his previous term, John has:

- worked to ensure that ratepayers, especially residential and small business consumers, are treated fairly in Commission proceedings;
- been fearless in applying state law to the record in front of him, even in the face of significant controversy;
- driven the PUC to better understand the impacts of potential decisions on local landowners and local governments; and
- trusted in the self-government of Minnesota's electric cooperatives, refusing to extend the limits of Commission authority into the operation of these non-profit, member-owned, member-governed utilities.

For these and a host of other reasons, I urge your support for John Tuma's confirmation to the Minnesota PUC.

With gratitude for all you do for Minnesota,

Mike Bull, Director
Policy and Regulatory Affairs