



*To unify, support, and serve
as a common voice for municipal utilities*

May 9, 2022

To: Senator Carla Nelson
Chair
Committee on Taxes
Minnesota Senate

Dear Chair Nelson:

The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) represents the interests of the state's municipal electric, gas, and water utilities. Our mission is to unify, support and serve as a common voice for these utilities. There are 33 municipal gas utilities in Minnesota.

We note that the House version of the Tax Bill HF 3669 contains the language from MMUA-supported legislation authored by Sen. Tomassoni and Rep. Sandstede (SF3838/HF3944) to assist municipal gas utilities and their customers who suffered financial hardship due to the extreme spike in wholesale natural gas prices in February 2021.

The Senate language in the delete-everything amendment titled SCH3669a-1 scheduled for hearing tomorrow contains language providing relief for customers of the state's larger three investor-owned utilities but none for Minnesota's smaller, publicly owned municipal utilities.

The bills for the municipals passed in both the House and Senate energy committees. In the Senate Energy and Utilities Committee, the bill was presented on Sen. Tomassoni's behalf by Chair Senjem and passed with no objection. We urge you to include the language from the [first engrossment of SF 3838](#) in the Senate's tax bill.

We hope, as a strong supporter of municipal utilities, you will please include language in your Tax Bill for municipal gas utilities and their customers.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Sulem", is written over a light gray starburst graphic that is part of the MMUA logo.

Kent Sulem
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