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Chair Frenz and Members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee,

We write today to ask for your support for the confirmation of Katie Sieben to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

At Conservation Minnesota, we represent members from every county in our state, bringing their voices to St. Paul in support of robust clean energy policy. Alongside a dedicated community of energy advocates, we've worked to promote legislation such as the Next Generation Energy Act, the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act, and this session's 100% Clean Energy by 2040 bill. But while we're proud of our advocacy, we know that the job doesn't end when bills are passed. Effective energy policy relies on effective energy regulation. That's why it's vital to appoint and confirm passionate, qualified commissioners like Katie Sieben to our Public Utilities Commission.

Simply put, Chair Sieben embodies what it means to be a public servant. Sieben has spent her entire adult life working to improve the lives of Minnesotans, as a staffer, as a legislator, and now as a PUC commissioner. In her fourteen years in the Minnesota Legislature, in both the House and the Senate, Sieben earned praise for collaborative, bipartisan relationship building and became a respected champion for environmental protection and energy transition. When she left the Senate, our organization was disappointed to lose a fantastic legislator, but elated to quickly gain a strong commissioner.

On the Public Utilities Commission, Sieben has helped to usher in an era of progress. As Chair, she has guided Minnesota's energy regulation on a path toward responsible energy transition and decarbonization. We are living in one of the most consequential moments in the fight against climate change and for energy security, and it has never been more important to uplift leaders who act in the public interest to make responsible decisions toward emissions reduction and energy affordability. Katie Sieben has been that type of leader.

Under Sieben's leadership, we believe that the Public Utilities Commission has become one of the country's most effective energy regulators. And we believe that the best way to maintain this effectiveness is to maintain her leadership. Therefore, we urge your support for her confirmation.

Sincerely,

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