

**Re: SF 4**

My name is Emily Wallace, and I live in St Anthony Village, MN. I'm represented by Senator Kunesh.

I've lived in Minnesota for 10 years, and it really feels like home to me. I had a child last year, after YEARS of contemplating if I should do so. I was so hesitant because the climate crisis made me wonder if bringing a child into the world was an ethical thing to do. Would I be dooming my child to a bleak future? Was that fair? I decided to be hopeful, and I'm glad I made that decision. My daughter turns 1 today (the 23rd) and she is an absolute joy. I cannot imagine my life without her.

A transition to 100% carbon free energy (SF4) in our state provides me with immense optimism and hope for the future. SF4 will help create a resilient and reliable energy system, and help lessen the energy burden on Minnesotans. Such a transition would protect the natural resources our state has to offer, and build a healthy, strong economy. It's an investment in the future that will benefit everyone. As a mother, I worry about whether or not my daughter will be able to enjoy clean air and water, to say nothing of the natural beauty of our state. An equitable transition to clean energy would ensure that my daughter and her friends and classmates as well as children all across the state could build careers in the clean energy sector, and look forward to a bright and healthy future. A clean energy economy is the future, it will create dignified jobs that will pay well. I want that for my daughter's future. Minnesota can set an example for other states in how to transition to a clean energy economy. It's the right thing to do.

If we don't make a commitment to transitioning to clean energy now, we risk further damage from massive weather events, like storms, floods, heat waves, wildfires, and from polluted air and water. A transition to a clean energy economy will lessen the financial impacts that we as a state will have to face as the climate crisis worsens. If we continue with "business as usual" we also would be letting fossil fuel companies win, and we cannot do that. They knew 40 years ago about the pending climate crisis, and continued to choose short term profit. Are you comfortable with that being your legacy to future generations? I am not.

Thank you for your time.