

February 15, 2023

Dear Chair Frentz and Senate Energy Committee Members,

The undersigned represent a broad coalition of nonprofits, utilities, Tribal governments, advocates, businesses, and labor organizations, urging you to expeditiously pass and sign the legislation necessary for Minnesota to access matching funds and compete for federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and Inflation Reduction Act. For Minnesotans to fully reap the benefits of these federal investments, **matching fund allocations must be prioritized at the outset of the 2023 legislative session.**

Minnesota needs to fully fund our state agencies, set aside resources to cover Tribal, state, and local government match requirements, and assist smaller entities by providing technical and grant writing assistance resources necessary for them to compete for grant opportunities.

**This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Minnesotans.** Each day that goes by, Minnesota's communities are missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars in federal investments that will make the places we live safer, healthier, more equitable, more affordable, and more resilient.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure all of Minnesota can reap the rewards of the historic federal opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies Minnesota  
Association of Minnesota Counties  
BlueGreen Alliance  
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa  
Building Strong Communities  
Center for Energy and Environment  
CenterPoint Energy  
Ceres  
Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota  
Clean Energy Economy Minnesota  
Clean Grid Alliance  
Coalition of Greater MN Cities  
Conservation Minnesota  
CURE  
EMS Energy  
Fresh Energy

Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Great Plains Institute  
Great River Energy  
Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate  
IBEW Local 292  
ISAIAH  
IUOE Local 49  
Lake Street Council  
League of Minnesota Cities  
LHB  
LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota  
Local 10, Sheet Metal Workers  
Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan Municipalities)  
Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce  
MinnCAP  
Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light  
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Associations  
Minnesota Power/Allete  
Minnesota Rural Electric Association  
Minnesota Small Cities  
Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association  
Minnesota Transportation Alliance  
Move Minnesota  
Native Sun/Solar Bear  
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters  
Region Five Development Commission  
State Building and Construction Trades  
Trane Technologies  
West Central Initiative  
100% Campaign