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Senator Scott Dibble
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3107
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Andy Smith
411 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for SF 1783/HF 2032, appropriation for the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)

Dear Senator Dibble and Representative Smith:

I write to express the support of the Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota for SF 1783/HF 2032, an appropriation for the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs). Our organization advocates on behalf of Minnesota consumers for affordable, reliable, and clean energy. We work closely with partners across the state to do our work.

CUB has collaborated with CERTs for years to connect with communities across the state. We routinely rely on resources produced by CERTs about energy efficiency, renewable energy, and mostly recently, the Inflation Reduction Act. In 2022, we partnered with recipients of CERTs Seed Grants and to help community members understand and lower their energy bills, including partnerships with Project FINE in Winona County; Unidos in Mankato, St. Cloud, Worthington, and the Twin Cities; the City of Bloomington; and the City of Maplewood. CUB's Outreach Director, Carmen Carruthers, serves on the Metro CERT Steering Committee, which has helped CUB to create deeper organizational relationships within the Metro and throughout the state. CERTs works hard to connect people, organizations, and resources to one another in a productive and thoughtful way.

Ever more people and communities are excited about advancing clean energy. CERTs has a proven track record of working with communities to advance their own energy goals. This funding will allow CERTs to staff up capacity around the state and ensure that the team is fully equipped to help communities advance their clean energy goals.

Thank you for carrying this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Levenson-Falk".

Annie Levenson-Falk

cc: Chair Patty Acomb, House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
Chair Nick Frentz, Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
Joe Birkholz, Office of Governor Tim Walz