

February 27, 2023

**RE: Local Government Support for Senate File 1783: Appropriation for Clean Energy Resource Teams**


Honorable Members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee:

The undersigned local elected officials support the appropriation for the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) partnership.

Many Minnesota local governments have energy goals and/or have adopted energy action plans. Most energy is used in homes, businesses, and industrial operations located within cities, counties, and tribal communities. CERTs has a strong history of helping communities across the state advance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with valuable educational resources, programs, and other assistance.

With a multitude of new federal clean energy funding opportunities on the horizon, CERTs support and guidance is more important than ever for Minnesota communities. This bill will increase CERTs capacity to help local jurisdictions implement clean energy projects and achieve their clean energy goals.

To date, the following local elected officials have signed on to support this bill:

Name & Title	Signature
<b>Bill Blonigan</b> Mayor of Robbinsdale	
<b>Lona Dallessandro</b> Council Member, City of Bloomington	
<b>Rachel James</b> Council Member, City of Columbia Heights	
<b>Steve Lindaas</b> Council Member, City of Moorhead	
<b>Dr. Kimberly Wilburn</b> Council Member, City of Minnetonka	