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Senator Nick Frentz  
Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee  
95 University Ave W  
Minnesota Senate Building  
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Frentz and Members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee,

Center for Energy and Environment (“CEE”) respectfully submits this letter to express our support for SF 1968 to direct the Department of Commerce to provide support to the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy.

This bill will ensure that the Department of Commerce provides Minnesota’s 11 federally recognized Indian Tribes with technical, stakeholder engagement, and policy development support to enable Tribal governments to address energy issues and capitalize on energy opportunities at the state and federal level. We believe it is critically important that our Tribal communities are included in decision-making for our state’s energy future.

We thank the committee for considering this bill and urge members to support it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Audrey Partridge  
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Center for Energy and Environment