

March 6, 2023

Dear Sen. Frentz and members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Change Committee,

On behalf of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters and our 12,000 members in Minnesota, we write today to express concerns with SF 2460.

As a labor organization with an active presence at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), we engage on behalf of our members and workers in the construction industry around, what we believe, is wages, benefits, apprenticeship and other issues that impact our members and working-class Carpenters, Millwrights, Pile Drivers, and other skilled crafts. Our advocacy work at the PUC is funded by our members.

We think that the current intervenor compensation statute has worked well. We think that if changes are made to the current framework, we believe that it could be written in a way to help those who have not been heard at the PUC. We share the belief that more voices in the process can improve an outcome, but the way SF 2460 is written gives us cause for concern.

We join with the Operating Engineers, LIUNA, and other building trades organizations in opposing SF 2460.

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