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Chair Frentz and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Senate Files 1368, 1404, 2775, 2294, and 2689. These five bills are practical and strategic investments in our state's journey to an equitable and clean energy future. All five will accelerate our adoption of cleaner technology to generate and save energy in our homes, businesses, and buildings.

**Senator Frentz's Senate File 2689 (solar on schools), Senator Xiong's SF 2294 (solar on landfills), and Senator Port's Senate File 1404 (solar on public buildings) are smart state investments in solar in public spaces.** Minnesota's state and local governments can lead by example by increasing the use of solar energy systems. Improving our public places to increase the benefit they give to Minnesotans, now and in the future, is a creative solution that makes a lot of sense.

**Senator Port's Senate File 1368 requires Minnesota's state building code to set a net-zero standard for new commercial buildings by 2038.** Achieving this will be a critical milestone on our path to a net zero statewide economy by 2050. Then, the bill provides an orderly, predictable path for making the transition to net-zero by 2038. It does this by directing the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry to adopt each new published edition of ASHRAE 90.1. The bill would then strengthen that process by requiring the code be amended to reach at least an eight percent increase in energy efficiency (over 2003 levels) with each new edition. More energy efficient commercial buildings means financial savings for companies, safer conditions for those who work inside them, and a healthier Minnesota for all.

**Senator McEwen's Senate File 2275 establishes a residential heat pump rebate program within the Department of Commerce.** This program would enable more Minnesotans to have safe, efficient heating systems in their homes through providing state funding to supplement heat pump rebates awarded through the federal Inflation Reduction Act. These rebates will help put this new, cleaner technology within reach for more Minnesota families.

Please support Senate Files 1368, 1404, 2775, 2294, and 2689.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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