



March 20, 2023

Senator Nick Frentz, Chair
Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee
3109 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Letter of Support for SF 1173

Dear Senator Frentz;

The City of Grand Rapids fully supports SF 1173. Although our City does not have a coal fired power plant, the closing of such a facility in the City of Cohasset has major impacts to our businesses and residents through the loss of tax capacity to our school district and county. It also has major negative impacts from an economic perspective.

It is imperative to remember that we are ONE COMMUNITY, with multiple cities and townships. When something bad happens to one of our cities or townships, it negatively affects the rest of the Community and when something positive occurs in one of our cities or townships, it positively affects our Community.

Please pass SF 1173 so that we can create POSITIVE impacts to our COMMUNITY.

Regards,

Tom Pagel, P.E.
City Administrator

CC: Grand Rapids City Council
Max Peters, Cohasset City Administrator