



March 28, 2023

Senator Nick Frentz  
Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee  
95 University Ave W  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3109  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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

Center for Energy and Environment (“CEE”) respectfully submits this letter to express our support for SF 2847, the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee omnibus bill.

CEE appreciates the committee’s inclusion and support of the following bills:

- Heat Pump Rebate Program (SF 2775)
- Expanding Eligibility to Low-income Programs in the Energy Conservation and Optimization Act (SF 2987)
- MN Tribal Energy Grants (SF 1968)
- MN Energy Alley (SF 2249)
- Pre-weatherization and Workforce Training
- Strengthen Minnesota Homes – Home Improvement Grants
- Advance Nuclear Study (SF 1171)
- Benchmarking (SF 2295)
- Electric Grid Resiliency Grants (SF 3030)
- High Voltage Transmission Line to ND (SF 1315)
- Energy Transition Grant Program (SF1173)

We believe these investments in our electric grid, buildings, energy efficiency, and workforce will propel Minnesota into a resilient, reliable clean energy future, with economic and environmental benefits for all. Furthermore, CEE appreciates the recognition of the additional responsibilities being asked of both the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by granting them their requested operating budget increases. These two entities will develop and implement more programming than ever before with the passage of 100% Clean Energy by 2040, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act.

Thank you to the Committee for its thoughtful consideration of its budget proposal that we believe will lead to a better future for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

/s/ Audrey Partridge  
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