

March 28, 2023  
Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
95 University Avenue W  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the Climate and Energy Omnibus bill. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing science-based policy solutions. UCS has more than 500,000 supporters, including over 6,400 in Minnesota.

We strongly encourage you to support the following priorities in your bill:

- Support [SF 2993](#) (Port), the Electric School Bus Deployment Program
- Support [SF 2301](#) (Xiong), the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority
- Support [SF 1296](#) (Mitchell), State Fleet and State EV rebates
- Support [SF 1622](#) (Frentz), the Minnesota State Competitiveness Fund

As the recent [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report](#) concluded, we are currently on a trajectory to exceed 1.5°C in global average temperature increase above pre-industrial levels within the next 10 to 15 years. Even at about 1.1°C now, we are already in a dangerous and deeply inequitable climate crisis. Which only reaffirms, with greater urgency, what we must do to address climate change: phase down fossil fuels sharply and quickly while transitioning to clean energy, make deep cuts in heat-trapping emissions, and rapidly shore up resilience to worsening climate impacts.

Minnesota can do its part to address global warming pollution by passing common sense clean energy and transportation legislation to help achieve its emission reduction goals and display the ambitious climate leadership that Minnesotans are calling for.

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for supporting a clean, equitable energy future for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,



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