

March 15, 2023

Dear Chair Marty and Senate Finance Committee,

The undersigned represent a broad coalition of nonprofits, utilities, Tribal governments, advocates, businesses, and labor organizations, urging you to support and expeditiously pass SF1622 (Frentz). This legislation is necessary for Minnesota to access matching funds and compete for federal funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and Inflation Reduction Act. For Minnesotans to fully reap the benefits of these federal investments, **matching fund allocations must be prioritized at the outset of the 2023 legislative session.**

Minnesota needs to fully fund our state agencies, set aside resources to cover Tribal, state, and local government match requirements, and assist smaller entities by providing technical and grant writing assistance resources necessary for them to compete for grant opportunities.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Minnesotans. Each day that goes by, Minnesota's communities are missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars in federal investments that will make the places we live safer, healthier, more equitable, more affordable, and more resilient.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure all of Minnesota can reap the rewards of the historic federal opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies Minnesota
Association of Minnesota Counties BlueGreen Alliance
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Building Strong Communities
Center for Energy and Environment
CenterPoint Energy
Ceres
Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
Clean Energy Economy Minnesota
Clean Grid Alliance
Coalition of Greater MN Cities
Conservation Minnesota
CURE
EMS Energy
Fresh Energy

Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Great Plains Institute
Great River Energy
Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
IBEW Local 292
ISAIAH
IUOE Local 49
Lake Street Council
League of Minnesota Cities
LHB
LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
Local 10, Sheet Metal Workers
Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan Municipalities)
Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
MinnCAP
Minnesota Inter-County Association
Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Associations
Minnesota Power/Allete
Minnesota Rural Electric Association
Minnesota Small Cities
Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association
Minnesota Transportation Alliance
Move Minnesota
Native Sun/Solar Bear
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Region Five Development Commission
State Building and Construction Trades
Trane Technologies
Union of Concerned Scientists
West Central Initiative
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