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Chair Marty and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for provisions in Senator Nick Frentz's Senate File 2847.

Our transition to a cleaner, more equitable economy means real opportunities to improve the lives of Minnesotans. Senate File 2847 makes the most of these opportunities delivering better homes, new technologies, cleaner electricity, more transportation options, and stronger communities for Minnesotans.

**First, we support the bill's commitment to building stronger communities through planning.** In particular, we support:

- Energy Transition Grant Program: \$5m (RDA) in FY 24.

**Second, we strongly support the bill's commitment to vehicle electrification.** In particular, we support:

- EV School Bus Grant Program: \$2m (GF) in FY 24 and \$5m (RDA) in FY 25, though we request the committee to raise this amount to \$14m in FY 24-25.

We also support the bill's appropriations for EV Rebates, EV Dealer Training and Certification, and Utilities' Transportation Electrification Planning.

**Third, we strongly support the bill's commitment to improving our homes and buildings.** In particular, we support:

- Pre-Weatherization and Workforce Training: \$23,970,000 (GF) in FY 24-25 and \$1,380,000 in FY 26-27 and \$10m (RDA) in FY 24-25
- Updating the Sustainable Building Guidelines to include climate resilience

We also support the bill's proposals to invest in Strengthening Minnesota Homes, Home Improvement Grants, Residential Electric Panel Grants, Onsite Energy Storage Planning and Systems, Various Benchmarking Grants, Residential Heat Pump Rebate Program, New Energy Guidelines for State Buildings, Energy Code for New Commercial Buildings, and Air Ventilation Program Grants.

**Fourth, we strongly support the bill's commitment to innovative financing and federal matching.** In particular, we support:

- MN Climate Innovation Finance Authority: \$5m (GF) in FY 24, though we would urge the committee to raise the amount to at least \$20m
- State Competitiveness Fund in SF 1622: \$115m in FY 24

**Fifth, we strongly support the inclusion of these three policy items:**

- Buy Clean, Buy Fair
- Intervenor Compensation
- Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy

**Sixth, we strongly support the bill's commitment to investing in solar energy.** This includes the bill's proposals on Solar\*Rewards, Solar on Community Colleges, Solar on Schools, Public Building Solar Grant Program, and Electric Grid Resiliency Grants.

Please support Senate File 2847.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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