



April 17, 2023

Senator John Marty  
Senate Finance Committee  
95 University Ave W  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3235  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Marty and Members of the Senate Finance 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)
- 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)

We believe investments into our electric grid, energy efficiency and workforce will propel Minnesota into a new clean energy future that won’t raise rates or sacrifice reliability. Furthermore, CEE appreciates the recognition of the additional responsibilities being asked of both the Department of Energy Resources and the Public Utilities Commission by granting them their operating increases. These two entities are being asked to implement and develop more programing than ever before with the passage of 100% by 2040, IJJA and IRA.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Audrey Partridge  
Director of Policy  
Center for Energy and Environment