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Chair Dibble and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Senator Nicole Mitchell's Senate File 1296, a bill to accelerate Minnesota's adoption of electric vehicles.

As we transition to a cleaner and more equitable economy, Minnesotans will benefit in many ways: cleaner air, improved health, better homes, and lower costs. One of the key improvements will be an increasing number of transportation options, like electric vehicles.

Senate File 1296 would make the State of Minnesota a leader on electric vehicles. It would do this in four key ways: a) establishing a preference for the purchase of electric vehicles for state fleets, b) requiring investor owned utilities to develop transportation electrification plans, c) establishing electric vehicle rebates, and d) providing for the training of auto dealers.

This is thoughtful, forward-looking lawmaking based on sustained stakeholder engagement. The bill addresses electric vehicle adoption in a more comprehensive way addressing planning, market development, affordability, and implementation. If enacted, this bill will give all Minnesotans more choices for what to drive, cleaner air to breathe, and another way to participate in our clean energy future.

Please support Senate File 1296.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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