



March 14, 2023

Minnesota Senate
Committee on Transportation
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 1100
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Senate File 2591, Use of ROW for Transmission

Dear Chair Dibble, Senator Morrison, Senator Jasinski and members of the committee,

I write today in support of SF 2591, as amended by the author's A1 amendment. Significant amounts of new transmission capacity will be necessary to meeting Minnesota's new 100% by 2040 carbon-free electricity requirement, reliably and affordably. There is, in fact, "no transition without transmission." SF 2591 is a sensible streamlining of Minnesota's transmission siting and routing process. We thank Senator McEwen for her leadership on the bill and Chair Dibble for hearing it. We urge the committee's support for the bill.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike

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