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Chair McEwen and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Senator Lindsey Port's Senate File 1368.

As Minnesota transitions to a more equitable and clean energy economy we have the opportunity to see improvements in many parts of our lives. Getting to live and work in better buildings is one of the most important. **Our buildings affect the air we breathe, the energy we use, how we relate, and what we pay.**

Senate File 1368 would play a role in improving Minnesota's buildings on all these fronts. It accomplishes this in two ways.

First, it requires Minnesota's state building code to set a net-zero standard for new commercial buildings by 2038. Achieving this will be a critical milestone on our path to a net zero statewide economy by 2050.

Second, the bill provides an orderly, predictable path for making the transition to net-zero by 2038. It does this by directing the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry to adopt each new published edition of ASHRAE 90.1. The bill would then strengthen that process by requiring the code be amended to reach at least an eight percent increase in energy efficiency (over 2003 levels) with each new edition.

Finally, Minnesotans are ready for this change. A recent poll by Data For Progress found that "sixty percent of voters also support requiring new buildings in Minnesota to have zero emissions by 2036."

Senate File 1368 sets an important and achievable standard, one Minnesotans strongly support. Please vote 'yes' on Senate File 1368.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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