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March 7, 2023

To: Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Chair  
Senate Labor Committee

CC: Members of the committee

From: Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel  
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

Re: Testimony in support of SF116

Dear Chair McEwan and members of the committee:

MMUA, a voluntary membership association representing the 124 municipal electric utilities across the State, respectfully submits this memo to document our support for SF 116, Senator Rarick's bill codifying an agreement between the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), electrical worker unions, and consumer owned utilities, as to when certain load control equipment installation is exempt from re-inspections and the fees associated with such inspections.

SF 116 has taken a few years to negotiate but is now ready to become law. It will save time and money by eliminating the need for a re-inspection of the installation of load management equipment provided certain safety related conditions are met that ensure the public's safety.

MMUA is proud to join the Minnesota Rural Electric Association in support of this bill and thanks Senator Rarick for bringing it forward.