

February 24, 2023

Senator Ann Rest Taxes Committee 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Taxes Committee,

Center for Energy and Environment ("CEE") respectfully submits this letter to express our support for SF 42 to provide climate action tax credits for energy efficiency improvements, electric vehicles, and renewable energy.

While energy utilities can make large-scale investments to transition energy systems to lower emissions resources, transitioning Minnesota's building and transportation sectors to cleaner energy sources requires millions of individual-level decisions and investments. Given the cost constraints that many Minnesota families face today, these decisions can be challenging to prioritize. SF 42 provides meaningful tax incentives for the most important and impactful individual investments in clean energy technologies.

These tax incentives will complement and augment opportunities through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act ("IRA") as well as other state and utility programs. As an experienced implementer of energy efficiency and electrification in Minnesota, CEE encourages that these tax incentives be administered, to the extent possible, to align with the specifications included in the IRA.

We thank the committee for considering this bill and urge members to support it.

Sincerely,

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