

February 22, 2023

Minnesota Senate
Committee on Taxes
Minnesota Capitol G-15
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Senate File 42, Refundable Tax Credits for energy efficiency home improvements

Dear Chair Rest, Senator Klein, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), I write today in support of SF42, providing Minnesotans with a refundable tax credit for energy efficiency and home improvement updates. This bill will help Minnesotans access and improve the ways they can control their energy use and costs with energy efficiency and innovative solutions now and into the future. It is a thoughtful and modest approach that takes meaningful action to assist everyday Minnesotans with the investments they are making – or are contemplating – to improve their properties with modern energy technologies. Additionally, this bill has the added benefit of supporting Minnesota's energy efficiency jobs sector.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We work to educate Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy and are committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive. Our business membership is comprised of nearly 50 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state.

We thank Sen. Klein and Chair Rest for bringing this bill forward. It provides a commonsense approach that will help Minnesotans access innovative energy solutions that deliver increased comfort and offer consumers more control over their energy use and costs. This bill also supports the state's strong clean energy job sector. Today, over 42,200 Minnesotans work in energy efficiency comprising nearly 75 percent of our state's almost 58,000 clean energy jobs.¹ Making energy efficiency improvements more accessible to more Minnesotans will help grow our clean energy economy, make our homes more comfortable, and result in both energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for this bill. We look forward to its passage. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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¹ 2022 Clean Jobs Midwest Report: <https://www.cleanenergyeconomymn.org/clean-jobs-midwest>