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Chair Rest and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Senate File 1172, Senator Mathews' bill to establish electric generation transition aid for counties, cities, townships, and school districts.

The transition to a more equitable and clean energy future is a way to protect the people and places we love. From our 10,000 lakes to our city neighborhoods, in host communities and in rural places, this transition is an opportunity for everyone to improve the places we live, work, or recreate.

While these changes will include everyone, they won't impact everyone equally. In particular, Minnesota's host communities will be among those most affected by the change. This bill is one critical way to support those communities.

We support Senator Mathews' Senate File 1172. This bill would create an electric generation transition aid program for counties, cities, townships, and school districts. The aid is designed to replace for up to twenty years any property tax base that these communities lose as electric generation facilities retire. The aid will phase out earlier if the community recovers the tax base by 90% or more. The bill requires utilities to notify the Public Utilities Commission that they intend to close a facility and covers facilities retroactive to 2017.

As Minnesota transitions to 100% clean energy by 2040, it's imperative that the state support our host communities. This bill is one part of the comprehensive approach the state ought to take to ensure every community can be a part of a better, cleaner future in Minnesota.

Please support Senate File 1172.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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