

Dear Chair Frentz and Senate Energy Committee Members,

The undersigned represent a broad coalition of organizations and key partners who urge you to pass SF3607 (Xiong): \$10 million in funding from the Renewable Development Account for Sabathani Community Center's (SCC) **Community Energy** project. The project funds will support the installation of a district energy geothermal heat pump system, with plans for a future expansion to a new 72-unit multi-family housing being built on the Sabathani campus in 2025.

For the last 58 years, Sabathani Community Center has served as a critical institution in the heart of South Minneapolis. Each year, over 150,000 people walk through their front doors. Once complete, the Community Energy project will support the community by securing energy for critical services such as their food shelf; providing a gathering place for times of extended power outages; dramatically reducing carbon emissions in a community that carries a heavy pollution burden; supporting workforce development for family-sustaining careers; building wealth and energy access in a community of color; and providing a demonstration site for clean-renewable energy.

*"Sabathani is the heart of Minneapolis, and this heart needs a transplant. We don't just need new boilers, we need to transform our energy system to one that serves our community well into the future and beyond."*

- President and CEO of Sabathani Community Center, Scott Redd

With passage of SF3607 (Xiong), and the federal funding SCC has already secured, Sabathani can continue to serve as a pillar of our resilient community.

Thank you for your consideration.

