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Honorable Members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate,

I am writing today on behalf of True Submeter to express our strong support for Senate Bill S.F. No. 4579. This bill addresses a critical issue regarding utility billing in single-metered buildings and presents a proactive solution to promote fairness, accuracy, and efficiency in utility consumption measurement and billing practices.

At True Submeter, we specialize in providing innovative submetering solutions that empower property owners, managers, and tenants to monitor and manage their utility usage accurately and transparently. We understand the challenges associated with single-metered buildings, where multiple units are served by a single utility meter, leading to inequitable billing practices and disincentivizing conservation efforts.

Senate Bill S.F. No. 4579 proposes to rectify these issues by allowing property owners of single-metered buildings to install submeters at their own expense. This provision not only ensures that tenants are billed accurately based on their actual usage but also encourages accountability and responsible consumption behavior. By implementing submetering systems, tenants gain greater visibility into their utility usage patterns, leading to increased awareness and opportunities for energy and water conservation.

Furthermore, this bill promotes economic fairness by enabling tenants to pay for only the utilities they consume, rather than shouldering the burden of subsidizing excessive usage by others. It fosters a more equitable distribution of utility costs among residents, thereby promoting social equity and affordability in housing.

Moreover, the adoption of submetering technologies aligns with broader sustainability goals and climate resilience efforts in Minnesota. By incentivizing conservation and efficiency, submetering supports the state's initiatives to reduce energy and water consumption, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

In conclusion, True Submeter urges the Committee to support Senate Bill S.F. No. 4579 as a crucial step towards modernizing utility billing practices in single-metered buildings. This legislation not only empowers tenants with greater control over their utility expenses but also advances Minnesota's objectives of promoting fairness, transparency, and environmental stewardship in the housing sector.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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