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Dear Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee:

We would like to take this opportunity to share some concerns we have with SF 4373 concerning the installation of "smart meters" in our service territory.

Xcel Energy has been installing smart meters in the homes and businesses of our customers for several years with a program that was submitted and approved by the Public Utility Commission. At this point, we have replaced more than half of the total meters and will finish by the end of 2025. The program approved by the PUC does allow customers to opt out of the "smart meter" installation, though a very small number of them have done so.

We believe the current PUC-approved process for the installation of this new technology should continue and will have concerns if the program is changed as a significant number of meters have already been installed across our system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation and please let us know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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