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Minnesota Senate
Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1150
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Senate File 4942 - Energy, Environment, Utilities, and Finance Omnibus Bill

Dear Chair Frentz, Senator Mathews, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), we write today in support of SF4942, the Energy, Environment, Utilities, and Finance Omnibus bill. The committee's work this year builds upon strong policy from the first year of the biennium and will help move Minnesota toward a clean energy future. We support many provisions within this bill and highlight some below.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We are focused on educating Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy. Our business membership is comprised of over 60 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state. CEEM stands committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive.

A number of our organization's and business members' priorities were included in this proposal, including:

- **SF3535 C-PACE Update** – The amendment will align Minnesota with national trends in C-PACE financing, making the state a more attractive location to improve commercial building sustainability through attractive financing and increased flexibility.
- **SF4562 Updates to ECO Act** – Updating Minnesota's Energy Conservation and Optimization Act to streamline implementation and take into account policy that has passed since passage in 2021.
- **SF3120 Advanced Nuclear Technologies Study** – A study exploring the potential for advanced nuclear to complement renewable power generation from sources like wind and solar will be vital to ensure Minnesota's commitment to achieving 100% carbon-free energy by 2040.

We thank Chair Frentz and the committee for their thoughtful work this session and for putting together an omnibus bill to support Minnesota's clean energy economy and help to ensure we achieve our 100% clean energy law. We look forward to continuing to work with the legislature to move toward a clean energy future.

Sincerely,



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