



Twin Cities Minnesota Chapter

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Senate File 1690 (Kupec)

Chair Klein and Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee Members –

Elders Climate Action, Twin Cities Chapter is a nonpartisan group of 150 seniors who are concerned about the climate crisis and advocate for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.

Elders Climate Action, Twin Cities Chapter strongly supports SF1690. The Electrical Waste Stewardship Program has so many advantages. This bill gives Minnesota the opportunity to capture critical metals, prevent toxic pollution in our landfills and air, and to create over 1,700 new jobs.

The metals available in Minnesota's e-waste are worth approximately \$3.2 billion dollars annually. By fostering a robust recycling system, we can provide metals that are critical for renewable energy technology like solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles, air source heat pumps, geothermal, and utility-scale energy storage units. For example, at a 100% recycling rate, Minnesota's e-waste stream could supply enough copper for around 155,000 electric vehicles per year. And we can maintain the quality of our essential water and air.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We urge the committee to support Senate File 1690.

Sincerely,

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