

February 4, 2025

Senator Nick Frentz
Chair of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

Re: SF 486—Dibble: Supplemental energy assistance appropriation

Dear Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of SF 486.

This bill would establish a supplemental energy assistance grant program in Minnesota. This initiative is crucial for low-income households struggling to meet their energy needs, especially during the harsh winter months when heating costs can become overwhelming. By providing additional financial support, we can alleviate the burden on families who are already facing economic challenges, ensuring they have access to the basic necessities of warmth and safety in their homes.

Furthermore, this grant program not only addresses immediate energy needs but also promotes long-term stability for vulnerable households. It will enable families to allocate their limited resources more effectively, reducing the risk of energy insecurity and fostering healthier living conditions. Prioritizing the passage of this legislation is vital so that all residents can thrive regardless of their financial circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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