

March 24, 2025

Chair Nick Frentz
Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
3109 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

Center for Energy and Environment ("CEE") respectfully submits this letter to express our full support for SF 2454, a bill providing additional funding for the geothermal planning grants to support communities with their sustainability and building decarbonization goals.

Senate File 2454 addresses critical needs in our energy policy and infrastructure, particularly in enhancing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency in buildings, and expanding access to clean energy resources. At CEE, we recognize that these funds will open additional opportunities to communities who lack the necessary resources to install geothermal systems. By supporting this legislation, we can ensure that the clean energy economy works for everyone by providing path to building decarbonization and economic opportunities.

We urge you to support and prioritize the passage of Senate File 2454. This legislation will help create a sustainable energy future, promote economic growth, and ensure that all Minnesotans can enjoy the benefits of a cleaner, more efficient energy system.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing energy policy that works for Minnesota's future. Should you need any additional information or wish to discuss the contents of this bill further, we are happy to provide additional support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Aly Eilers
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Center for Energy and Environment