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MINNESOTA PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Affiliate of the United Association
Composed of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
Of the United States and Canada
State Federation of Labor – A.F.L.-C.I.O.

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Sen. Nick Frentz, Chair

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

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

On behalf of the Minnesota Pipe Trades Association, I write in
support of SF 2900.

Minnesota Pipe Trades Association is an umbrella organization
representing nearly 10,000 men and women working in piping
related industries throughout Minnesota. Our members perform
mechanical construction and repair work, including plumbing,
pipefitting, and fire protection. The energy sector is critical for our
members who build, maintain, and repair thermal power-plants —
including coal, gas and nuclear, along with petroleum and
renewable fuel refineries and pipelines.

The energy transition is going to be challenging for those who
have spent their careers working in the traditional energy sector. A
"just transition" means ensuring that we are accounting for their
unique skill sets and affording them opportunities to contribute to
the low-carbon energy sector. The installation of geothermal
heating and cooling systems and thermal energy networks
represents an important opportunity to put our members to work
decarbonizing buildings.

While geothermal systems can save building owners money over
time, they can have higher upfront costs than air source heat
pumps and traditional furnaces. By providing consumer rebates to
building owners through SF 2900, we can help them get over the
initial hurdle of installing a system. We thank Senator McEwen
for bringing forward this important bill and would encourage
members to support the bill.

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