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Chair Rest and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your work on this bill this year and for the opportunity to provide comments. We are writing regarding three provisions.

First, we are writing to express our **strong opposition to extending the data center tax credit** in Minnesota Statutes Section 297A.68, subdivision 42 **to the year 2062**, in Section 6 of SCS2374A-4, lines 87.27, 87.31, and 88.23-24.

Since the credit's creation in 2011, the number of data centers in Minnesota has grown dramatically. Next, their scale is expected to grow even more dramatically with the introduction of hyper-scale facilities. According to Datacentermap.com, Minnesota currently has at least sixty data centers. Forty-one of those are considered qualified data centers by our current statute. In addition to these, the Minnesota Star Tribune reported on January 10, 2025 that another ten data centers are in development, with Amazon, Microsoft, and Meta planning large-scale facilities.

With these trends in mind, it is important to take a hard look at the current and future value of this tax credit. **Every dollar given to a data center owner is a dollar we are not investing in a public school, a nursing home, or a clean energy solution.**

Second, we strongly support the inclusion of the proposed **Social Media Data Collection Excise Tax** in Section 4, lines 83.13 - 85.22. This targeted revenue source would help ensure that growing industries pay for their fair share of the public goods that all Minnesotans use. This additional general fund revenue will be necessary to meet our both state's short-run budget demands and long-run public investment needs.

Third, we oppose the potential rededication of the **Electric Assisted Bicycle Rebate Program** funds in Section 31, lines 199.7 - 199.18. This is an in-demand program that provides Minnesotans with more (and cleaner) transportation options. We support administrative improvements that will ensure the program better serves new and existing riders. We believe this improved investment will continue to improve the lives of Minnesotans.

Thank you again for your time and consideration,

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