



April 30, 2026

Senator John Marty
Finance Committee
95 University Ave, W.
St. Paul, MN 55115

Dear Chair Marty and Committee Members,

The Building Decarbonization Coalition ("BDC") respectfully submits this letter of support for **SF 4504**. We are particularly supportive of several key provisions included:

- **Utility Thermal Energy Networks (TENs)**
Authorizing utilities to develop and operate thermal energy networks is a critical and forward-looking policy change that will benefit Minnesota's workers and energy resilience.
- **Supplemental Energy Assistance**
The creation of a supplemental, state-level energy assistance program will help fill persistent gaps left by federal programs and provide more consistent, year-round support to low-income households facing rising energy costs.
- **Targeted Geothermal Investments**
Funding for geothermal projects at Como Zoo, The Heights, and Macalester College represents a strategic investment in proven, high-efficiency technology. These projects will serve as important demonstrations of how geothermal systems can be deployed across a range of building types and community contexts.
- **Energy Alley**
Support for Energy Alley will help strengthen Minnesota's clean energy innovation ecosystem by accelerating the development and commercialization of new technologies and supporting local entrepreneurs.
- **Geothermal Planning Grants**
Further investments in geothermal planning grants opens the door for more communities to access early-stage capital to evaluate and plan. These grants unlock local dollars to move projects forward.
- **Prewetherization Funding**
Continued funding for preweatherization allows more Minnesotans to access federal weatherization dollars.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support SF 4504 and advance the bill.

Sincerely,

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