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Dear Chair Hansen, Vice Chair Claflin, Ranking Minority member Fabian and members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division,

We are writing to express the Sierra Club's strong support for HF 3702, the Buy Clean study bill.

Right now, action at the state level is crucial to reduce carbon emissions, and avoid the worst effects of climate change. Along the way, we can build a strong, clean energy economy and ensure good, family supporting jobs.

Buildings are one of the major sources of carbon pollution, and the emissions that are embodied throughout the life cycle of our building materials has recently emerged as an important concern – with their manufacture accounting for 11 percent of total carbon emissions globally.

This legislation takes an important step towards addressing this problem. The proposed study will explore a Minnesota-specific approach to reducing climate emissions in the materials that are used to update our buildings and infrastructure. And it will help to support manufacturers who are using cleaner and greener processes and technologies.

We are pleased to join labor, business and other environmental organizations in supporting a study of this exciting approach and hope that it will lead to using our state's considerable purchasing power to "buy clean" – using taxpayer dollars to reduce climate change and support a strong Minnesota workforce.

Thank you,

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