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Dear Chair Long and Members of the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee,

I write today in support of HF10 DE amendment presented in your committee.

The North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters believe that challenges facing working families and our state's energy needs must be responsive to an energy sector that has historically included good-paying, highly skilled trades jobs. We appreciate the work that Rep. Stephenson has done to include our voices and interests in this discussion.

We strongly support the inclusion of language around prevailing wage and believe that the area standards for wages and benefits should be paid on renewable energy projects. Last year, this issue was a strong priority for our organization and we are glad to see the progress that has been made regarding prevailing wage.

Today, thousands of families rely on income that they earn from providing safe, affordable energy to our state. We support the inclusion of apprenticeship language and support for local job preference as a value for our taxpayers and a benefit for our workers. These policies will help to ensure that the energy sector is still a middle class job with good benefits.

Finally, I want to voice our support for including nuclear and carbon sequestration as clean energy sources for the future. We believe for the clean energy transition to be most successful; we should also continue to consider these additional options to reduce our carbon emissions.

I want to thank Rep. Stephenson for his efforts to engage with stakeholders on this bill and we support HF10 DE Amendment.

Sincerely,

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House Speaker Melissa Hortman
House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt