

January 17, 2023

RE: Local Government Support for House File 7: 100% Clean Energy Legislation




Honorable Members of the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee:

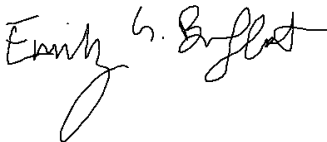
The undersigned local elected officials support legislation to increase the Renewable Energy Standard to 55% by 2035, require carbon-free generation of electricity by 2040, and ensure economic benefits are equitably realized across the state.

The negative impacts of climate change are already being felt in Minnesota cities and disproportionately affect vulnerable households and overburdened communities. More than two dozen Minnesota cities have energy goals and more than a dozen cities have adopted climate action plans. Clean energy legislation will help to leverage on-going local efforts and accelerate the pace of emissions reductions.

In 2022, twenty-one Minnesota cities joined together in declaring a climate emergency. We understand the urgent need to reduce emissions in a thoughtful and equitable manner. We support Minnesota State Legislators in taking this historic action to put our state on the path to meet the emissions reduction targets required by climate science.

To date, the following local elected officials have signed on to support this effort:

Name & Title	Signature
Kimberly Wilburn, Council Member City of Minnetonka	
Steve Lindaas, Council Member City of Moorhead	
Carolyn Jackson, Council Member City of Edina	

Emily Bruflat, Council Member of City of Saint Peter	
Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights	<i>Amáda Márquez Simula</i>
William A. Blonigan, Mayor of Robbinsdale	<i>William A. Blonigan</i>