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Chair Hassan and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for House File 1346 (Kraft) and House File 2093 (Hassan).

The transition to a more equitable and clean energy future is all about protecting the people and places we love. From our 10,000 lakes to our city neighborhoods, in host communities and on farmland, this transition is an opportunity for everyone to improve the places we live, work, or recreate. We support these two bills because they're designed to support communities as they prepare for the future.

**First, we support Representative Josiah Hill's House File 1398, a bill to improve the state's Community Energy Transition Grant Program.** It does this by increasing the allowable annual grant award, supporting the Environmental Quality Board's technical assistance work, expanding the eligible uses of the funds, and investing \$10m in FY 2024-25 for this grant making. The transition to a more equitable and clean energy economy affects all of us, but doesn't affect all of us equally. This program is just one way Minnesota ought to invest in the future of our state's host communities.

**Second, we support Chair Hodan Hassan's House File 2093, a one-time appropriation for the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute.** This \$20m investment would support the creation of the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm, a creative and community-driven solution to redevelop a vacant industrial site located in a Green Zone in south Minneapolis. When built, this farm will serve its residents well, providing jobs, job training, local food, local businesses, and community meeting spaces for people in the Little Earth neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Transitioning to a net zero emissions economy by 2050 is a generational challenge for Minnesotans. It's one we can meet, if we make investments like this.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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