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Chair Xiong and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for two provisions in Rep. Jay Xiong's House File 2233, as amended in A3-1017.

**First, we strongly support investing \$10,000,000 in FY 24-25 for the Community Energy Transition Grant Program.** We encourage the committee to consider adding on ongoing appropriation for this program in FY 26-27. The transition to a more equitable and clean energy future is a way to protect the people and places we love. While these changes will include everyone, they won't impact everyone equally. In particular, Minnesota's host communities will be among those most affected by the change. This investment is one critical way to support those communities.

**Second, we strongly support the \$3,000,000 investment in the Clean Equitable Workforce Program** that was proposed in HF 1939 (Sencer-Mura). This is another way to ensure that everyone is included in Minnesota's clean energy transition. This investment will help prepare Minnesota's Black, Indigenous, and workers of color for careers of the future in areas like construction, clean energy, and energy efficiency.

Please include these two provisions in the final version of House File 2233.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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