

I am writing to strongly support the 100% Clean Energy Bill. We are already feeling the impacts of a warming climate here in Minnesota: major weather events and historic floods are clear indicators that Minnesota is growing warming and wetter. Asthma, allergies and diseases spread by ticks and mosquitos are on the rise. Without action, we are on track to lose our boreal forests by 2070.

Minnesota used to be a leader in clean energy, but we are falling behind other states. As I understand it, this legislation will significantly reduce the amount of carbon dioxide Minnesota's utilities emit from electricity production. If we strengthen our standards, as this legislation does, and make our transition away from fossil fuels equitable and inclusive, we can clean our air, protect our future, and also provide new jobs in our growing clean energy industry.

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