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RE: State Building Code inspection exemptions clarified - HF 215

Chair Ecklund, Rep. Lislegard, and members of the House Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs committee,

The Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) is a Twin Cities-based nonprofit with more than 40 years of energy efficiency experience in research and development, education, implementation, and policy. CEE supports policies that advance efficient energy use, and foster innovative technology development and deployment to help Minnesotans save energy and money, reduce carbon emissions, and create high-quality jobs.

CEE would like to underscore the urgency of coming to an amicable resolution on load control receivers this legislative session (HF 215). In May of 2021, the Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act, was signed into law. ECO is designed to help utility customers reduce their energy costs by providing choices in when and how much energy they use, which is achieved by cost-effective energy efficiency and load optimization, also known as load control. ECO is a signature piece of legislation and has been recognized regionally and nationally as a thorough, comprehensive, and innovative statute that saves utility customers energy and money. It is critically important for load optimization, via load control receivers, to be accessible to Minnesotans through their local electric utility.

For these reasons, we are following load control receiver discussion and HF 215. We value the continued dialog and expertise of the numerous organizations involved, and support finding a timely, workable solution for the good of Minnesota's energy consumers.

Sincerely,

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