



MINNESOTA PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Affiliate of the United Association
Composed of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry
Of the United States and Canada
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And Members of the House Energy Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Pipe Trades Association, I write in support of HF 4122.

Duluth-Detroit Lakes
Plumbers and Pipefitters
Local #11

Minneapolis-St. Cloud
Plumbers
Local #15

Minneapolis-St. Cloud
Pipefitters
Local #539

Minneapolis-St. Paul
Sprinkler Fitters
Local #417

Minneapolis
Gas Workers
Local #340

Moorhead
Plumbers and Pipefitters
Local #300

Rochester
Plumbers and Pipefitters
Local #6

St. Paul – Mankato
Plumbers
Local #34

St. Paul – Mankato
Pipefitters
Local #455

Virginia
Plumbers and Pipefitters
Local #589

Road Sprinkler Fitters
Central Region
Local #669

Minnesota Pipe Trades Association is an umbrella organization representing nearly 10,000 men and women working in piping related industries throughout Minnesota. Our members perform mechanical construction and repair work, including plumbing, pipefitting, and fire protection. The energy sector is critical for our members who build, maintain, and repair thermal power-plants — including coal, gas and nuclear, along with petroleum and renewable fuel refineries and pipelines.

We fully support the use of thermal energy networks (TENs) within our communities in Minnesota. The installation and maintenance of TENs will create work opportunities for our members across the state. We also appreciate the efforts by the TENs workgroup and having the opportunity to participate in the workgroup. Finding a way for utilities to implement TENs and setting up regulatory guardrails around them is necessary. Thank you to Representative Hollins for bringing this legislation forward. We fully support H.F. 4122 and encourage members to vote yes. Thank you.

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