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March 28, 2023

Re: Support for Energy Transition funding in HF 3028

Chair Hassan:

On behalf of the Coalition of Utility Cities (CUC), I write to thank you for the continued funding in this bill of the Energy Transition Office housed at DEED, which was created to support the communities and workers who will be deeply impacted by the retirement of Minnesota's largest electric generation facilities in the coming years. The work of this office has brought together a broad range of stakeholders and provided a touchpoint for our communities as we navigate the complexities of these transitions.

We also thank you for your role in ensure that Rep. Hill's House File 1398 was included in the Workforce Development Finance and Policy Bill. That bill provides \$10 million dollars to fund DEED's Community Energy Transition Grant Program, which provides support for economic development in transitioning communities. The CUC has also submitted written testimony to that committee.

As this legislation moves forward, we look forward to working with you on these vital programs. With any questions, please feel free to contact the CUC's legislative representation, Shane Zahrt of Flaherty & Hood, at SAZahrt@flaherty-hood.com or (651) 295-1123.

Sincerely,

Max Peters
City Administrator, City of Cohasset
President, Coalition of Utility Cities