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Minnesota House of Representatives Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
407 Minnesota State Office Building
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Dear Chair Hansen and Committee Members,

My name is J. Drake Hamilton, and I am the senior director of science policy at Fresh Energy. I am writing to you today on behalf of Fresh Energy. Fresh Energy is a thirty-year-old, Minnesota-based nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that is working to achieve equitable carbon neutral economies. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of support regarding HF 1973 (Acomb).

Fresh Energy welcomes HF 1973, which updates the state greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, by amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 216H.02, subdivision 1. It is very timely to include new goals, compared with the level of emissions in 2005, to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors by at least 50 percent by 2030, and to net zero emissions by 2050. It was also very helpful to add to the statute the meaning of "net zero" for the purposes of the subdivision. Fresh Energy is supportive of Minnesota's climate policy taking into account the latest scientific research on the impacts of climate change published by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change.

Finally, Fresh Energy is very supportive of the inclusion in HF 1973 of the statement: "To the maximum extent practicable, actions taken to achieve these goals must avoid causing disproportionate adverse impacts to residents of communities that are or have been incommensurately exposed to pollution affecting human health and environmental quality."

Fresh Energy supports the passage of HF 1973, and appreciates Representative Acomb for her leadership on this important and urgent bill. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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