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To: House of Representative Members  
Workforce and Business Development Committee  
RE: HF1750  
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Greetings:

As our society transitions from the traditional electrical energy generation facilities that use coal as the main fuel communities, counties, and workers will experience negative impacts to their tax base and the economy. HF 1750 will help those communities, and individual employees, that host those facilities to mitigate that negative impact as power plants are retired.

HF 1750 is designed to develop strategies to successfully help individuals and communities deal with this huge potential economic impact by creating an Energy Transition Legacy Office. By creating this office, there will be a coordinated effort to address the economic impact of communities and workers as power plants are retired.

Governor Walz, as Chair of the Midwest Governor's Council, has made this issue a top priority for that organization. Colorado has already established an Energy Transition Legacy Office and is successfully developing programs and strategies to implement their mission.

At this critical time for many workers and communities that host these power generation facilities, it is in the best interest of the entire State of Minnesota that this Office is created to insure a successful transition is accomplished.

Thank you for your kind consideration of HF 1750.

Sincerely,

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