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Minnesota House of Representatives Taxes Committee State Office Building, Rm. 5 Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: House File 810, Refundable Tax Credits for energy efficiency home improvements

Dear Chair Gomez, Representative Brand, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), I write today in support of HF810, providing Minnesotans with a refundable tax credit for energy efficiency and home improvement updates. This bill will help Minnesotans access and improve the ways they can control their energy use and costs with energy efficiency and innovative solutions now and into the future. It is a thoughtful and modest approach that takes meaningful action to assist everyday Minnesotans with the investments they are making – or are contemplating – to improve their properties with modern energy technologies. Additionally, this bill has the added benefit of supporting Minnesota's energy efficiency jobs sector.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We work to educate Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy and are committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive. Our business membership is comprised of nearly 50 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state.

We thank Representative Brand for bringing this bill forward. It provides a commonsense approach that will help Minnesotans access innovative energy solutions that deliver increased comfort and provide individuals with more control over their energy use and costs. This is a good bill for Minnesota energy consumers while also supporting local energy jobs. Today, over 42,200 Minnesotans work in energy efficiency comprising nearly 75 percent of our state's almost 58,00 clean energy jobs.¹ Making these energy improvements more accessible to more Minnesotans will continue to help grow the energy efficiency sector of Minnesota's clean energy economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for this bill. We look forward to its passage. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Date

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¹ 2022 Clean Jobs Midwest Report: <u>https://www.cleanenergyeconomymn.org/clean-jobs-midwest</u>