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TO: House Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee

FROM: Evan Mulholland, Healthy Communities Program Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

RE: HF 1398 (Hill)

Chair Hassan and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) supports HF 1398 (Hill) amending and improving the Community Energy Transition Grant Program.

MCEA, along with many other organizations, elected officials, and Minnesotans from all parts of the state, has long advocated for the swift transition of our energy systems away from fossil fuels and towards a clean and renewable future. We recognize the dedication of the workers who have kept our power plants online and safe for decades. And through our involvement in the utility planning process, we have come to appreciate the importance of these plants for the financial stability of the host communities.

We believe that the State has an obligation to continue to assist the people who live in these host communities and help them plan for a diversified economy that works for all members of the communities and is sustainable for the long term.

House File 1398 is another step in the right direction. MCEA supports its passage.

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