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Minnesota House of Representatives Taxes Committee
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Dear Chair Gomez and Committee Members,

At Fresh Energy, we are committed to advancing bold policy solutions to equitably achieve a carbon-neutral economy, and we are grateful for your partnership in this effort. For over thirty years Fresh Energy has been working at the intersection of science, policy, and education.

I am writing to express Fresh Energy's support for Representative Brand's bill HF810, which will help residents across Minnesota more easily afford a range of technologies that will lead to meaningful energy efficiency improvements, improved air quality, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Buildings account for about forty percent of emissions economy-wide, and the transportation sector is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. As we look out across our landscape, most buildings that exist today will still be standing in 2050. This means that, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, we will need to adapt and update our homes and buildings to use clean energy and to be more energy efficient. Moving from gas-powered to electric vehicles is critical to reducing emissions associated with transportation.

This bill will help Minnesotans accomplish all of these goals by providing tax incentives for a wide range of technologies. Items such as induction stoves and electric vehicles come with the added benefits of improving indoor and outdoor air quality, respectively. Additionally, providing Minnesotans incentives to adopt efficient electric appliances will help insulate families from the volatile price fluctuations associated with fossil fuels, leading to lower, more stable monthly utility costs; the variety of technologies covered will help individual families tailor these tax credits to their specific needs.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh-in on HF810, which will help Minnesotans take climate action in their own homes and help us to be a more resilient state.

Sincerely,

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