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Regarding: HF 1973

Testimony in Support of State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals Amended

Thank you Chair Acomb, Vice-Chair Kraft and Members of the Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony today.

I am testifying in favor of House File 1973. We live in a time where climate change is drastically affecting the way we live our lives. Winters are more mild overall, delaying the ability for Minnesotans to engage in winter pastimes, such as ice fishing. In 2021, we saw our first ever tornado in December, and droughts that, in some areas, were compared to droughts in 1988 and the Dust Bowl. As these types of weather events become more common, they disproportionately affect the most vulnerable Minnesotans. Small farms, BIPOC, and low income families, and disabled people of all stripes see the brunt of these climate issues.

We as a state need to do our part to curb the worst of climate change based disruption by making strong purposeful moves to eliminate our greenhouse gas emissions. HF 1973 would do just that. By meeting these benchmarks, we can ensure that Minnesota helps maintain its beloved winter pastimes, helps protect vulnerable communities, and prevents the worsening of extreme weather events.

Minnesota prides itself on its communities banding together to support one another. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions is one way that Minnesotans can band together to help solve one of our era's greatest challenges.

Thousands of Minnesotan citizens care about our climate and our future, please support HF 1973. We encourage you to stand with them and vote yes.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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