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Advancing a Clean, Local,  
Equitable, Affordable, and Reliable  
Energy Future for Minnesota

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**RE: HF3458 (Acomb) - Tribal lands exempted from provisions governing exclusive service areas for electric utilities.**

Co-Chair Acomb, Co-Chair Swedzinski, and Members of the House Energy Committee,

The CLEAR Energy Coalition is writing in support of House File 3458, which would exempt Tribal Nation land from the assignment of exclusive electric utility service territories. Our coalition advocates for clean, affordable, and reliable energy for all communities in Minnesota, including the use of local solar and battery resources. We believe this legislation will ensure and respect the sovereignty of the Tribal Nations, better enabling them to pursue innovative clean energy projects, which will benefit their communities and Minnesota as a whole.

Tribal Nations that share borders with the state of Minnesota have been leaders in developing clean energy projects that provide cost savings for Tribal governments, resiliency for their communities, and benefits to the environment and climate. This bill can help unlock further efforts.

Furthermore, this legislation recognizes and affirms the fundamental fact that Tribal governments are sovereign nations that have the inherent authority to govern themselves and their lands.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

**The CLEAR Energy Coalition**

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