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Chair Acomb and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for House File 1135 (Lee) and House File 413 (Stephenson).

As we transition to a more equitable and clean energy future, we have the opportunity to improve the lives of Minnesotans. This transition means more jobs, cleaner air, better buildings, and new transportation options. These two bills will help us get there.

**First, we support Representative Lee's House File 1135, a bill supporting a study on the impacts of projected weather trends on state and local government buildings.** Minnesota is already experiencing the impacts of our changing climate. Evaluating the risks those impacts pose for publicly-owned infrastructure is more than sensible. When we make capital improvements we expect those investments to stand and serve Minnesotans for decades. This study will provide policymakers and the public with a science-based evaluation of how we can lower energy costs, harden infrastructure, and protect natural systems.

**Second, we support Representative Stephenson's House File 413, a bill to accelerate Minnesota's adoption of electric vehicles.** House File 413 would make the State of Minnesota a leader on electric vehicles. It would do this in four key ways: a) establishing a preference for the purchase of electric vehicles for state fleets, b) requiring investor owned utilities to develop transportation electrification plans, c) establishing electric vehicle rebates, and d) providing for the training of auto dealers.

This is thoughtful, forward-looking lawmaking based on sustained stakeholder engagement. The bill addresses electric vehicle adoption in a more comprehensive way addressing planning, market development, affordability, and implementation. If enacted, this bill will give all Minnesotans more choices for what to drive, cleaner air to breathe, and another way to participate in our clean energy future.

Transitioning to a net zero emissions economy by 2050 is a generational challenge for Minnesotans. It's one we can meet, if we enact legislation like this.

Please support House File 1135 and House File 413.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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