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Dear Chair Klevorn and Members of the Committee,

We are writing in support of Representative Fue Lee's House Files 1132 and 1133.

House File 1132 would require proof of compliance with Minnesota's sustainable building 2030 (SB 2030) design guidelines before funds are released for any phase of a capital project beyond final design. The bill also appropriates money to enable the Center for Sustainable Building Research to conduct outreach and education efforts in support of this compliance requirement.

This bill is an important addition to Minnesota's commitment to sustainable buildings, energy savings, and pollution reduction including greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Minnesota already requires grantees receiving capital funds from the state to follow the SB 2030 guidelines. But we don't have a process to make sure grantees follow through on these commitments. That should change. House File 1132 would make that change.

Requiring a simple certification that state-funded capital projects are, in fact, meeting the SB 2030 guidelines **helps guarantee that the investments Minnesota is making actually achieve the energy-savings and pollution reduction goals we have set out in our state guidelines.**

We also think it makes sense to provide the Center for Sustainable Building Research additional funding to make sure this certification process works. We want to make sure capital investment grantees know about the certification requirement House File 1132, and funding outreach and education to ensure that happens is important.

House File 1133 improves Minnesota's capital investment process in another important way: by making it more inclusive. Minnesota Management and Budget is well positioned to raise awareness about and provide technical assistance for bonding, especially for communities and organizations that are newer to the process. Focusing on the nonprofits, American Indian communities, and communities of color that have traditionally not participated is a smart strategy to make sure everyone is a part of building Minnesota's future.

Please support House Files 1132 and 1133.

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