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The Honorable Ginny Klevorn, Chairwoman,  
The House Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy  
581 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Honorable Chairwoman,

We appreciate the committee's willingness to consider House Bill 2170, the "Buy Clean and Buy Fair Minnesota Act." Holcim is in support of these efforts in House Bill 2170 and is excited about the potential this act would bring to the state of Minnesota. Holcim remains committed to reducing the CO<sup>2</sup> levels it produces by working towards the goal of net zero emissions by 2050. Policy changes such as these provide incentives and directives for those in the building industry to accelerate their green growth and decarbonize their products.

We applaud the approach the sponsors took with their legislation. Creating a collaborative working group to consider the changes in the industry and provide direction to the department as they move forward ensures that all in the industry have a voice around the table. EPDs or Environmental Product Declarations provide the needed information and data to understand the impacts of the materials we are using to build our future. Holcim is in favor of the product and plant-specific type III EPD. Since Holcim believes there is little value to industry average EPD's, our cement and ready mix business both have type III EPD's available.

We applaud the state of Minnesota for its forward thinking by introducing this piece of legislation. Holcim stands committed to work with those wanting to make an impact on the reduction of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions into our environment. We support this legislation and it's critical first step to work towards a carbon neutral industry.

Respectfully,

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