



# Association of Minnesota Counties

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**Re: County Input on HF3337, Delete Everything Amendment (DE2)**

Dear Chair Long and Members of the House Climate and Energy Committee:

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), a voluntary association representing all 87 counties, recognizes that there is an ever-increasing need to provide efficient, affordable, clean, renewable, and sustainable energy to the people of Minnesota. AMC supports legislation and policies that would help make this possible.

We want to thank you for your work reviewing legislative proposals to improve Minnesota's energy future and assembling the energy proposals of HF3337 as amended by the DE2. There are several provisions included that will benefit counties and we appreciate the opportunity to offer input on the following:

- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at County Government Centers** (Art1, Sec2; Art 2, Sec2; Art7, Sec14): County Government Centers offer many services and accommodate opportunities for public engagement. As Minnesota's EV infrastructure is built-out, some counties may have public parking facilities well-suited to accommodate charging stations and would be interested in providing this resource. AMC appreciates the language that provides for a county role in these installations and supports the program funding provided in this bill.
- **Solar on Public Buildings** (Art2, Sec2; Art6, Sec8): AMC supports development and funding of a Solar Grant Program. Local governments run on tight budgets, but a grant program like this would make solar projects more affordable – potentially finding space on more capital project lists. Generating clean energy will not only provide environmental benefits for all but could also benefit county energy costs long-term.

**Again, thank you for your work on this legislation and the inclusion of these two provisions.** Should you have any questions about the information provided above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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