



January 30, 2023

Dear Chair Acomb and Members of the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports HF 597 (Kraft), as amended by the DE 4, which is being heard in the Climate and Energy Committee on Tuesday.

Cities have played a major role in environmental protection, particularly in the construction and operation of wastewater treatment and stormwater treatment systems. There is increasing interest in the role that cities can play in reducing our carbon footprint and in promoting green development.

Metro Cities supports the establishment of a local climate action grant program that will increase the adaptability and resiliency of cities in the face of extreme weather and climate change. Metro Cities further supports funding through the local climate action grant program to help cities reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Lund'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Lund
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