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Chair Hornstein and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Rep. Sydney Jordan's House File 4708 and Rep. Liz Boldon's House File 4690.

Minnesota has a unique opportunity in 2022 to invest in equitable climate solutions that will bring tangible co-benefits to families and communities across the state. With a state budget surplus, incoming federal funds from both the American Rescue Plan Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the possibility of a Capital Investment bill, we have the means this year to make historic investments in better connected, cleaner, and more equitable communities.

Both House File 4708 and House File 4690 do this by making important investments in building out and improving Minnesota's transit infrastructure.

House File 4708 would improve Metro Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system by addressing transit signal prioritization, temporarily lowering transit fares, building better bus shelters, transitioning to electric buses, and planning for J, K, and L line expansions. This bill takes the comprehensive approach we need for upgrading our BRT system overall. If enacted, these changes would mean better services for riders, cleaner air for communities, and lowered greenhouse gas emissions for everyone.

House File 4690 would appropriate \$10 million for transit systems in Greater Minnesota. This investment would allow regional transit providers to improve riders services, better connect existing bus lines, and procure cleaner buses. **The co-benefits of transit riding: lower costs, cleaner air, and lower emissions should be available for Minnesotans across our state.** House File 4690 will help ensure that they are.

Please support House File 4708 and House File 4690.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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