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House Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee
Attn: Representative Michael Nelson, Chair
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Chair Nelson:

On behalf of over 5,000 hardworking Minnesotans, Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 writes in support of HF772 (Kraft) to direct the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) to act on new model commercial energy codes that increase energy efficiency, improve resiliency, and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of new building construction and renovation projects.

Local 10 members endeavor every day to build our communities' infrastructure. From energy efficiency and historic preservation of buildings to healthy indoor air quality and fire safety, our members play a skilled, important role in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings of all shapes and sizes.

Our workers rely on building code to establish the minimum design and construction requirements to not only ensure safe and resilient structures but also to increase worker safety, reduce costs and building damage risks, and protect the people and property inside buildings. We also strongly believe that because of changing federal, local and industry standards, code adoption and modification should be done within the jurisdiction of our state's labor and industry agency. DLI is uniquely positioned to be responsive to emerging advancements in safety and energy efficiency. We have historically engaged with the agency to fully understand the implications of proposed code changes, evaluating their potential impact on safety, and developing final code recommendations that ensure smart redevelopment and construction statewide.

We appreciate Rep. Kraft's willingness to work with us to address some preliminary concerns and develop legislation that we support that accomplishes our common goals of moving the needle on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 encourages your support of HF772.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Larry Kraft

