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The Honorable Jamie Long
Chair, Minnesota House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
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Chair Long and committee members,

Fresh Energy is a nearly 30-year-old, Minnesota-based nonpartisan, not-for-profit clean energy organization. We work to shape and drive bold policy solutions to achieve equitable carbon-neutral economies. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our perspective on House File 2234 (Boe).

Transportation is the most climate polluting sector of Minnesota's economy, with tailpipe emissions from passenger cars and light duty trucks contributing the majority of greenhouse gas emissions within transportation. Expanding access to and visibility of electric vehicles by building out our public charging infrastructure is one of the most effective tools we can employ to speed the transition to emissions-free transportation.

House File 2234 will deploy electric vehicle chargers widely across the state, increasing access to charging infrastructure in rural, suburban, and urban communities. Investing in a mix of charging stations supports multiple use cases. For example, government employees and county fleets can use Level 2 chargers while at work, allowing their vehicles longer times to charge. Meanwhile, the public can access the fast chargers for quick charges while on the go.

House File 2234 also represents an important step in supporting the electrification of the State of Minnesota's own fleet of cars and trucks, which is a key part of reaching the state's goal to electrify 20 percent of the state's light-duty cars by 2030.¹ House File 2234 seeks to put the foundation beneath that vision. State fleet electrification should precede and will enable more widespread consumer adoption of electric vehicles by boosting visibility of and experience with such vehicles. Fresh Energy supports House File 2234.

Sincerely,

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¹ MPCA, MnDOT, *Accelerating Electric Vehicle Adoption: A Vision for Minnesota*, published 2019