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Environment, Natural Resources, Climate and Energy Conference Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
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Re: OPPOSITION TO HF1738

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ANY OTHER EFFORTS THIS 2025-26 BIENNIAL SESSION THAT CANCEL OR ROLLBACK MINNESOTA POLICIES THAT WERE PASSED IN 2023-2024 TO URGENTLY AND ETHICALLY SUPPORT INCREASED RENEWABLE ENERGY USE & FUNDING (WHICH HELP RESCUE OUR LIVABLE PLANET FROM INCREASINGLY-DEADLY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THROUGH THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF ACCELERATING CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER IMPACTS THAT HARM PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, WILDLIFE AND ECOSYSTEMS IN OUR MIDWEST REGION, IN THE UNITED STATES AND GLOBALLY)

Dear Committee Chairs and Members.

Per my testimony letter of support below, so many of us across Minnesota were relieved and elated upon House passage of [HF2310 \(Hansen\)](#), the "Omnibus Environment, Natural Resources, Climate and Energy Bill."

I therefore **OPPOSE** [EFFORTS TO HALT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS](#) including:

[HF 1738 \(Swedzinski\)](#) - Renewable development account repealed, conforming changes made in associated statutes, utility solar production incentive program sunset, accounts established, and money appropriated.

This bill would end **116C.779** [FUNDING FOR RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT](#)

These funds are collected from Excel Energy, the owners of Prairie Island and Monticello nuclear generating plants, for the storage of nuclear waste in dry casks at Prairie Island. The funds collected are meant to be used to help fund research and development of renewable energy technologies, to encourage grid modernization, projects that implement electricity storage, load control, and smart meter technology; and to stimulate other innovative energy projects that reduce demand and increase system efficiency and flexibility.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

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April 30, 2023

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Re: Letter of Support for [HF2310 \(Hansen\)](#) - Omnibus Environment, Natural Resources, Climate and Energy Bill being negotiated by:

House Conferees: Honorable Representatives Hansen, Acomb, Hollins, Jordan, Kraft

Senate Conferees: Honorable Senators Hawj, Frentz, McEwen, Xiong, Coleman

Dear Conference Committee Members:

This session is a very hard-won and urgent opportunity to pass the most powerful Minnesota legislation.

Therefore, when considering what final changes to negotiate, ***please agree upon and vote for the most funding and the strongest regulations*** in each area in order to more fully protect Minnesotans and our communities as well as our crucially important ecosystems, plants and wildlife (from the smallest to the largest). You have been entrusted to help us all better thrive, including without the continuance of harmful pollution and incomplete or non-existent policies that have been resulting in harm to many.

Therefore, we need a final Environmental & Natural Resources omnibus bill that will:

- **Protect our pollinators and other wildlife by protecting ecosystems and stopping pollution, pesticide use and other harm with the strongest versions of the environmental laws and policies** shared in the: 1) [Sierra Club North Star Chapter's Forests & Wildlife Stewards March blog post](#); and 2) other [2023 Monthly Updates by all the Stewards Teams](#);

Note: Their [February post](#) also shared the ongoing need for a wolf protection bill (not currently in this year's Omnibus bill). Minnesota's wolves only just barely won some [federal protections](#).

- **Fulfill the fair and urgent [MN350 Action Climate Justice Agenda](#) and the five policy directions of the [100% Campaign's Policy Platform](#)** for Renewables, Efficiency, Sequestration, Electrification, and Transition and Adaptation; and
- **Meet the requests of [Minnesota Environmental Partnership's Letters to Decision Makers](#).**

Included among them are these that, again, need *the strongest funding and regulation language*:

- **Pesticide & Lead Laws**
- **Next Generation Climate Act** (Amends MN's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals with a 50% reduction target on a 2005 base by 2030 and a net zero target by 2050 that could possibly be fulfilled even earlier due to resulting momentum, progress and sustainability improvements)
- **Zero Waste requirements**
- **Electric School Bus funding**
- **Green Bank (MN Climate Innovation Finance Authority) establishment** – \$45M is needed to better multiply additional project funding from other sources
- **Cumulative Impacts prevention** to protect already over-polluted & endangered MN areas

Thank you so much for your outstanding and hard work this historic session,

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