



Madam Chair and Members of the committee,

My name is B. Rosas and I am the Policy Manager with Climate Generation, a statewide organization working with youth and educators into becoming climate activists in their communities. **I am writing to you in support of HF4231- The Amortization Bill being chief authored by Rep. Sencer-Mura and being heard in the committee for State and Local Government Finance and Policy!**

This bill was introduced in response to the discovery of air pollution violations by the Smith Foundry in Minneapolis. The offices of Climate Generation are located just down the street from this harmful pollutant and, on a personal level, I grew up in the area. One can see, and mostly smell, the negative impacts this foundry has forced onto the Southside of Minneapolis, which is already being heavily polluted by other facilities and Highway 55.

The bill would give cities back local control over bad actors who have polluted our communities for too long. Under the current law, cities can enforce their zoning laws but they can't ask for the end of facilities that are "grandfathered in". This means old facilities that are contributing to high rates of cancer and asthma in residential areas can stay as long as they want. We need this bill so cities can have a choice about what is allowed to continue operating in their communities.

Please vote in favor of this bill so our communities can breathe clean air again and show polluters that their actions DO have consequences. Focused areas of pollution, like the North and South side of Minneapolis deserve this type of justice.

With appreciation,
B. Rosas