

Hi there! I'm Mike Hirabayashi and I'm a window washer that lives in St. Paul. I'm at 922 Sherwood Ave, St Paul, MN 55106.

I'd like to speak in support of HF4122. It's crazy to me that we have laws on the books that force utilities to use fossil fuels instead of making geothermal networks, which are fantastically more efficient and cheaper in the long run, while also being the most reliable and stable option.

Especially now that our country and Israel has bombed the largest natural gas reserve in the world, the most fiscally irresponsible thing we could do is chain ourselves to a dirty energy source that's as volatile to price hikes and price gouging as natural gas.

We need our laws to adapt to the changes and advances in technology that have given us far superior options than this fossil fuel. HF4122 is such a common sense, no-brainer bill that there's no excuse to do anything but support it.

Xcel is trying to jack up their rates on natural gas right now, and we can't afford this rate hike, much less the rate hikes that are coming from this insane war. Please do the right thing, not only for our children's future, but for the sake of not sending us all to the poor house. If you ever have claimed to be fiscally responsible, you have to vote for HF4122.

Thank you,  
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