



March 23, 2026

To the Honorable Members of the Minnesota House Energy Finance and Policy Committee  
Capitol Building, Room 123 [Place](#)

**RE: Support for HF4377 – Consumer Demand Forecast Bill**

Members of the House Energy Finance and Policy Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for HF 4377 – a bill that aims to clarify the Certificate of Need requirements for large petroleum pipelines at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the consumer demand forecast.

HF 4377 would amend Minnesota Statute § 216B to specify that the existing demand forecast requirement look to the “ultimate consumers” of petroleum products when determining need for the oil that would flow in a pipeline.

At a time of rising oil prices, the significant cost of building and operating oil pipeline infrastructure — in money, climate damage, aquifer damage, and health impacts to people — is ultimately borne by the public. It is specifically that public, the ultimate consumers of petroleum products, who should be looked to when evaluating need for petroleum pipeline projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Wolff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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