



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

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Dear Senator,

The BlueGreen Alliance, a national partnership of labor unions and environmental organizations that was started here in Minnesota, urges your support for the Senate File 4 (Frentz) / House File 7 (Long)—the 100% Clean Energy Bill.

It is time for a 100% clean energy law in our state tied to labor and equity standards. I want to highlight a few impactful measures in the bill that are vital to making sure this policy delivers for workers and the environment. These include:

- Standards to ensure the creation of local, high-quality jobs in Minnesota;
- Recognition of the rights of workers to organize;
- Leaving no workers or community behind as we shift to cleaner, more affordable energy alternatives;
- Ensuring all workers and environmental justice communities can participate in the benefits of this law;
- Emissions reductions to combat climate change and clean up our air—particularly in communities facing environmental injustice;
- Keeping energy affordable; and
- Encouraging new energy generating facilities in communities where fossil-fuel generating plants have been retired or are scheduled for retirement.

These provisions will make sure we are installing utility-scale solar with well-trained local labor, expanding the number of local wind jobs, and building the technology of the future—like geothermal—here in Minnesota with union labor.

Unions matter. Our nation has been struggling with economic inequality for decades. There is a direct correlation between the increase in income inequality and the decrease of worker power. The income gap here in Minnesota is significant—particularly for people of color who are 300% more likely to be in poverty than white people. The investments we make today growing clean energy—making our homes and buildings more energy efficient and investing in

our manufacturing sector to build what we need for a clean future here—can grow the good-paying jobs workers need to do more than just get by.

We urge you to act now to build a clean, prosperous, and equitable economy in our state. Please support Senate File 4 (Frentz) / House File 7 (Long), the 100% Clean Energy Bill.

Signed,

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