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Chair Long and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Rep. Athena Hollins' House File 3897, a bill to provide support for families who need to upgrade their home's electric panel.

This bill would establish a pilot program at the Minnesota Department of Commerce focused on providing grants of up to \$2,500 for single-family homeowners and up to \$12,500 for owners of multifamily homes (depending on their total number of units) who need to update their home's electric panel. In its first phase, the program is focused on providing this support for families who earn less than sixty percent of the state's median income. In its second phase, it is available for all homeowners, regardless of income.

If enacted, **this program would help eliminate one meaningful barrier that Minnesota's families face** when they want to improve their homes with renewable energy systems, electric vehicle charging set-ups, and certain energy efficiency measures. The need to replace out-of-date residential electric panels can make these changes cost-prohibitive, when the clean energy improvements by themselves would be affordable.

This pilot project is a practical way the state can start supporting Minnesota's families while learning how best to do so in the future.

We all have a role to play in Minnesota's clean energy future. **This bill would help ensure that that future is within reach of every Minnesotan, regardless of income or geography.**

Please support House File 3897.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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