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HF 772 Energy Code adoption, House Energy Committee

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Thank you Chair Acomb and members of the House Climate and Energy Committee. for allowing us to submit this written testimony in regard to HF 772 the Accelerated Energy Code Adoption bill

My name is Andy Snope, I am the Legislative Director for IBEW Local 292. We represent 5000 electrical workers who work throughout the state of Minnesota.

HF 772 provides for an accelerated adoption of the latest recommended standards for a statewide energy code for commercial buildings. Building energy efficiency is what our members and the contractors we work for do. We perform work that helps buildings perform better; electrification, lighting and load control, building automation, building energy management, process control and HVAC controls are all tasks that our members perform. We are trained to do these tasks and we continually receive training to update our skills to meet the latest codes and standards adopted by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

The IBEW is ready to meet the challenge of additional efforts to help make building more energy efficient. We support the efforts outlined in this legislation and have been and will continue to work with Representative Kraft and all stakeholders to make this a more perfect bill that will help match energy efficiency goals while working within the real-world boundaries of industry and technology advancements towards those end goals.

This legislation is a result of a several years, long process with stakeholders to put in place flexibility while preserving the framework of a statewide implementation and regulatory conformity of the energy code. This year's legislation is a continuation of that work to act towards adoption of most recent nationally adopted efficiency standard, while keeping within the framework of statewide adoption through the rules process allowing for the advisory of industry experts through the Construction Codes Advisory Group and public input.

We are looking forward to working with Representative Kraft, the Departments of Labor, Commerce, Cities and Municipalities, and all other stakeholders to be a part of the process helping to implement these current and future energy efficiency standards.

Thank you for your time today and I apologize I cannot be there in person but am always available to answer any questions.

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