

February 21, 2023

Representative Patty Acomb Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee Minnesota State Office Building 451 State Office Building St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Acomb and Members of the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee,

Center for Energy and Environment ("CEE") respectfully submits this letter to express our support for HF 1918 to direct the Department of Commerce to provide support to the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy.

This bill will ensure that the Department of Commerce provides Minnesota's 11 federally recognized Indian Tribes with technical, stakeholder engagement, and policy development support to enable Tribal governments to address energy issues and capitalize on energy opportunities at the state and federal level. We believe it is critically important that our Tribal communities are included in decision-making for our state's energy future.

We thank the committee for considering this bill an urge members to support it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Audrey Partridge Director of Policy Center for Energy and Environment