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## NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

February 17, 2021

Chair Paul Marquart  
Members of the House Tax Committee

Re: Concerns about Changes to the Data Center Tax Incentives in HF 991

Over 120 Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association have concerns about the changes contemplated to the data center tax incentives in HF 991.

The Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association hire over 6,000 electricians, spends over \$8 million on training every year, and are the backbone of our electrical infrastructure in Minnesota.

There are NECA contractors located in Minnesota who travel to other parts of the country constructing data centers. They are experts at building these electrical-centric projects and are eager to do them in Minnesota.

Many of these projects are behind-the-scenes privately built projects that rely on tax incentives. For example, the electrical industry in Minnesota has worked on securing incentives for the Becker industrial park project. In addition, there are other large data center plans in greater Minnesota that could use these incentives.

Things are slow in the electrical construction industry right now, and these data centers would help keep businesses going and employ many electricians.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Thaden".

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