

Hello, please read why I support the Clean Energy Bill;

**We have been invested in clean energy for a long time.** Years ago, when the option in Minneapolis was available, *we chose to have a portion of our electricity provided by wind power.* This was very new at the time and I didn't know how they could "Bill" part of our electricity via wind, but we chose it even though we guessed it would cost a bit more. Now wind has come down dramatically in addition to other clean energy options. We have one electric car to date and are committed to a hybrid—at a minimum when we replace our 13 year old vehicle.

**Climate change is a big concern to me; I have been a part of "Clean Water Action" for over 20 years.** We live on a wetland within the city of Minneapolis. Technically not a lake, this "pond" has always frozen over and we've walked out our back door onto it for years. However in the area just off of our backyard there is *an area that hasn't been freezing for approximately 5 to 7 years.* It's strange as the water remains open all winter. The pond is only 2 to 3 feet deep in this area but it continues to remain open water. Obviously I don't fully understand why, but *I believe climate change is a factor.*

**Environmental Equity and cleaning up industrial sites are ongoing issues.** I have a mixed race extended family and have attended Minneapolis Public schools from sixth through 12th grade. My schools were quite diverse in part due to busing in the late 70s. The point being *I am very aware of where POC live and how close they are to industrial properties.* This past year in the post George Floyd era, my neighborhood is studying what racial equity could look like in our neighborhood. This includes entire blocks working in concert to remove rasion racist covenants from their property titles. *I have access to wonderful Lakes, Minnehaha Creek and the forementioned pond...Every Minnesotan should be able to have access to clean water for consumption and enjoyment.*

**President Biden sees the future and it is NOT in fossil fuels.** It is why he has arrested the leasing in the ANWR and stopped work on the XL pipeline. In Minnesota, we are still lagging with this knowledge by allowing the Enbridge pipeline to bore through our state and threaten treaty lands AND the headwaters of the Mississippi. **Minnesota needs to take the lead on Clean Energy and STOP LINE 3.** Taking the higher moral ground toward Clean Energy now, before more damage is done, is critical. In 20 years, this pipeline will be obsolete.

**This is the time, A once in a century opportunity, to clean up and further clean energy options for all parts of Minneapolis—it is beyond time.**

Thank you for your time,

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