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District 20B



Minnesota House of Representatives

April 14, 2021

Via electronic delivery.

Dear Senator Klobuchar, Senator Smith, Representative Craig, Representative Phillips, Representative McCollum, and Representative Omar:

We, a group of lawmakers, ask that you support H.R. 806, introduced by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-12), and S.283, introduced by Senator Ed Markey (D-MA).

The Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator is a vehicle for investment to build and improve clean energy infrastructure. Also known as the “green bank” model, these efforts have been proven at the state and local levels. Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, Colorado and Hawaii have established and seen success with their green bank models.

The proposed measures before Congress will fund the expansion of existing green banks and help form new models at state and local levels. This is timely, as the Minnesota Legislature is currently considering a proposal to establish the Innovation Finance Authority (HF 2044/SF 1999), a finance authority in the “green bank” model. Should both measures pass, Minnesota would see significant benefits from securing federal dollars.

The Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator would require at least 40 percent of all investments go to frontline, low-income and climate impacted communities. Low-income Minnesotans spend a larger proportional amount on their energy needs, and too often energy efficient upgrades or new projects are out of reach.

The Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator will bring good jobs for Minnesotans and bring the economic benefits of energy efficiency and clean energy to households with the greatest need. Capitalizing the Innovation Finance Authority with these federal dollars would help Minnesotans save money and help our state as a whole meet our climate goals.

We look forward to your support, and we stand ready to answer any questions or provide additional information for you. Thank you for your service to the people of Minnesota and for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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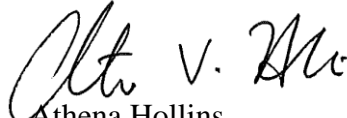
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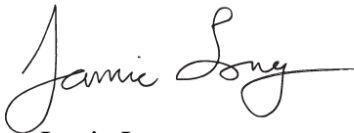
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