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Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate, an organization of over 450 Minnesota nurses, doctors, public health experts, and allied health professionals, wish to express our strong support for legislation advancing Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard to 100% by 2050 for electric power generation.

Our support is based on the proven and demonstrated negative impacts that carbon-driven climate change and fossil fuel-related air and water pollution is having on our patients and communities. These impacts include more heart and lung disease, allergies and asthma, Lyme disease and other infections, heat-related illnesses, and the physical and mental trauma caused by record-breaking major storm events.

This legislation is an important step toward improving public health, reducing health care costs, and demonstrating for others that enlightened policies can move us forward in achieving control of extremely dangerous carbon pollution. We urge Legislators of both parties to promptly and publicly demonstrate their commitment to the health and safety of all Minnesotans by standing behind this legislation.

Respectfully yours,

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