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Co-Chair Acomb, Co-Chair Swedzinski, and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for **House File 2912**, Representative Her’s bill to install an aquifer-based geothermal energy system at Macalester College in Saint Paul.

Minnesota is a national leader in networked heating and cooling systems. From our early adoption of district energy systems in downtown neighborhoods to our innovative uses of combined heat and power systems in industrial settings, Minnesotans have been operating and improving these systems for decades, making them more efficient, affordable, and accessible.

The system being proposed in House File 2912 will grow our use of these cost-effective and carbon-free systems. Building this system to have the capacity to expand into a district energy system is a particular benefit of this proposal. It would leverage this \$2.57m investment to make more possible in the future.

We strongly support this bill and hope you will also support House File 2912.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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