

Two-Minute Sample Letter on Clean Energy

(Use your own words)



1) Put your name and address on your letter AND on the envelope. Your legislator wants to know where you live in their district.

2) Ask for specific action

- Accelerate as quickly as possible our transition to renewable energy for everyone across the state.

Example

Date

Dear Sen./Rep. _____,

As a person of faith who believes we must be good stewards of creation, I'm very concerned about the carbon dioxide pollution and many other air and water pollutants emitted by coal and natural gas plants.

Please work to support and protect clean energy in Minnesota. Do not allow any rollbacks of current policy, and instead accelerate as quickly as possible the transition to renewable energy for everyone across Minnesota.

In addition to making our air and water cleaner, it would add hundreds of millions of dollars to our Minnesota economy and help create and maintain good jobs in Minnesota.

Sincerely,
Your Name
Your Address

Addresses:

Sen. _____
MN State Senate
Suite 250
525 Park Street
St. Paul, MN 55103

Rep. _____
Minnesota House of
Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

3) Give a reason or say something about why you care (*Share your own or choose 1-2 from below*)

- Make it personal. Do you, or a friend, suffer from asthma that is triggered by pollutants in the air?
- God calls us to be good stewards of creation.
- Power plants emit more than two billion tons of carbon dioxide and other toxic pollutants into our air each year.
- Air and water pollution emitted by coal and natural gas plants is linked to breathing problems, neurological damage, heart attacks, and cancer.
- Renewable energy keeps rates affordable & stable.
- More than 21% of Minnesota's energy comes from renewable sources now, but we're only using a fraction of the wind and solar potential.
- Increasing the renewable energy standard will put hundreds of millions of dollars into Minnesota's economy/year.
- Energy efficiency is expected to save close to \$700 billion nationwide by 2020.
- Electric & gas efficiency savings from just a couple of years provided energy to heat, cool, & power more than 102,000 homes.
- Transitioning from fossil fuel burning will help preserve Minnesota's lakes, rivers, streams, and drinking water from mercury and other water pollution.
- Wind and solar energy don't compete for water with agriculture, drinking water, or other needs.
- Minnesotans want a responsible clean energy plan that builds on existing laws to transition our state to clean, renewable energy—like wind and solar—and to improve energy efficiency.