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RE: HOUSE'S PASSAGE OF COAL BILL

Passage of coal bill jeopardizes Minnesota's health, economy and clean energy future

“We are disappointed that the Minnesota House voted 76-54 today to pass a bill that removes existing restrictions on pollution from new generation of coal-fired electricity by exempting the generating capacity equivalent of a major new electrical plant powered by more dirty coal. This bill moves our state backwards by allowing coal plants to emit unchecked pollution that will harm our health, our economy, and our state's great outdoors.

“Our state's clean energy progress could easily be erased by the emissions from just one new coal plant. We must not risk Minnesota's clean energy future and the health of our children and grandchildren by allowing more coal pollution. We strongly urge Governor Mark Dayton to veto this bill.”

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