

Thermal Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act Endorsements

“In the U.S. we have enormous untapped potential to heat and cool our homes, businesses, and public buildings with clean, renewable energy that will never run out. The Sierra Club commends Sen. Franken, Rep. McCollum, and Sen. Bond for recognizing this potential and introducing the *Thermal Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act* to help cities and towns save energy, create innovative clean energy jobs, and cut pollution.”

– Michael Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club

“Much policy attention is rightly focused on energy in the electricity and transportation sectors. It’s timely that this bill seeks to build a clean energy economy for thermal energy--the energy we use to keep our buildings comfortable and provide heat to industry. With the incentives provided by the Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act, America can increasingly rely on renewable energy to keep cities warm in the winter, keep buildings cool in the summer and power industry that manufactures the goods we need.”

– Michael Noble, Executive Director, Fresh Energy

“We applaud the leadership of Sen. Franken, Rep. McCollum, and Sen. Bond in introducing this important legislation. TREEA helps to fill a gaping hole in U.S. energy legislation by establishing policies for tapping the abundant sources of clean thermal energy that already exist in our communities and reducing dependence on environmentally risky drilling in the Gulf of Mexico or expensive imports from foreign sources. TREEA will reduce carbon emissions, stabilize energy costs, create domestic jobs and keep more energy dollars circulating in local economies.”

– Robert P. Thornton, President of the International District Energy Association

The Thermal Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act has been endorsed by the following Minnesota organizations:

- District Energy St. Paul
- Minnesota Center on Environmental Advocacy
- Isaac Walton League of Minnesota
- Minnesota Steamfitters and Pipefitters

The Thermal Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act has been endorsed by the following national organizations:

- American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
- International District Energy Association
- Sierra Club
- Biomass Thermal Energy Council
- US Clean Heat and Power Association
- FRESH Energy