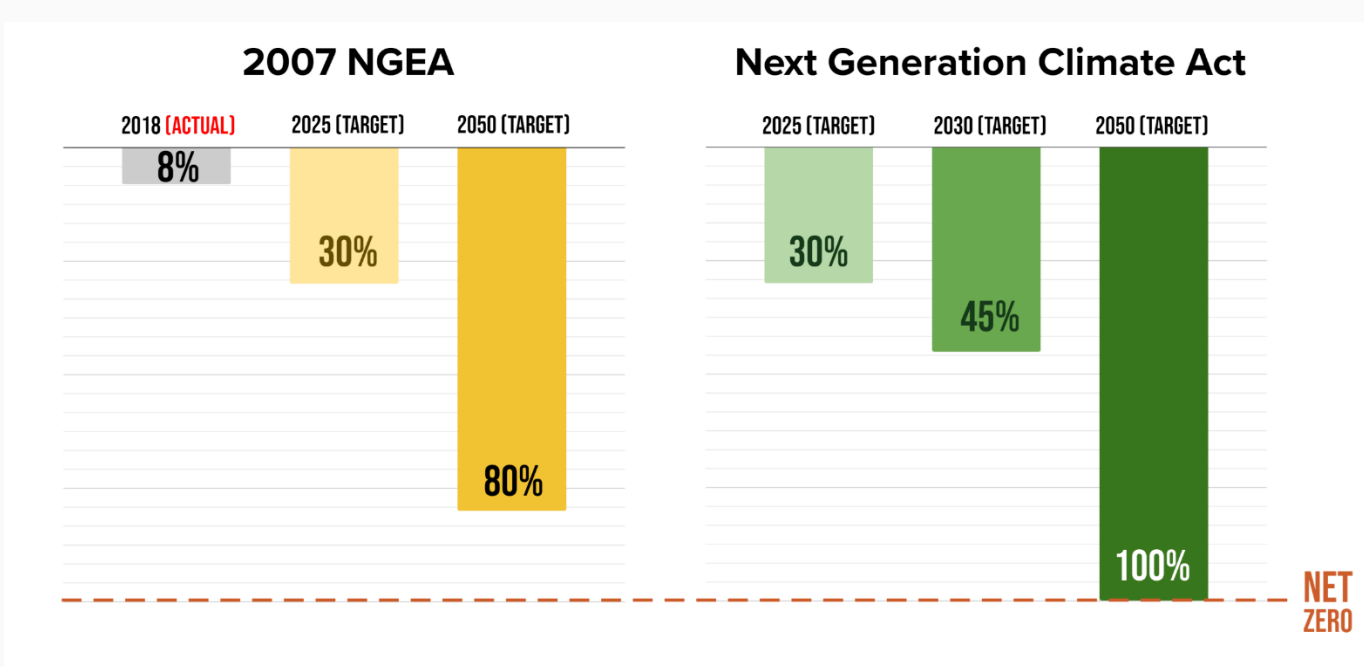




Minnesota is the fastest-warming state in America. In northern Minnesota, early ice-out dates and warmer winters are hurting the economy and wild rice crops and threatening iconic Minnesota wildlife like moose and loons. In southern Minnesota, extreme rains and increasingly frequent hailstorms are harming farmers and the communities that depend on farming. In urban neighborhoods suffering from poor air quality and extreme summer heat, climate change poses direct risks to human health. **In short, climate change threatens every corner of Minnesota and costs every Minnesotan.**

In 2007, Minnesotans came together and led the nation in adopting science-based standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions based on the best and most current science. The 2007 Next Generation Energy Act passed nearly unanimously and was a bipartisan accomplishment. **It's time to update the law and strengthen its impact.**

We need to follow the science that tells us we must move faster. The NGEA greenhouse gas reduction goals were set using Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations on what reductions were needed to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. These standards were based on the best available science fourteen years ago, but our knowledge of our climate and needed action continues to improve.



*Net zero = either zero emissions in Minnesota or emissions that are equaled by carbon sequestration in Minnesota.
 Reductions are in comparison to Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions in 2005
 2018 actual emissions reductions are the most recent public data from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*



The Next Generation Climate Act would:

-Update Minnesota's bipartisan climate standards to reflect current science:

2007 NGEA	Next Generation Climate Act
15% by 2015	15% by 2015
(8% in 2018 - actual)	(8% in 2018 - actual)
30% by 2025	30% by 2025
-	45% by 2030
80% by 2050	Net zero by 2050

-Require government to take actions consistent with these standards and to protect overburdened communities from disproportionate impacts.

-Require Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to report Minnesota's progress toward meeting these standards to the Legislature yearly, as well as recommending whether any changes should be made due to new climate science.

Minnesota has led the country in bipartisan climate legislation before. We can and must do it again for the sake of our children and grandchildren and the outdoors we love. Please support Next Generation Climate Act to update Minnesota's science-based climate standards.

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