

Dear Chair and Senate members,

My Statement is that I request that members of our MN State Senate work to lift the Minnesota moratorium on building any new nuclear power plants. Given the challenges we face with human activity caused climate change which is not only a national and global security threat but will amplify extreme weather conditions here in Minnesota Nuclear power needs to be included in our energy portfolio. Advanced Nuclear can recycle and reuse the waste we have as one of the many options and be an excellent carbon free, reliable and safe base load energy source.

Look at what our economic and strategic ally Germany has endured with shutting down their nuclear plants, the war in Ukraine with how it has affected global supply of natural gas given renewables cannot fill in the gaps and now are burning dirty lignite coal. Nuclear power helps shield us from price fluctuations providing affordable electricity which helps Minnesota businesses thrive and compete globally. It helps residential consumers be more empowered regarding disposable income to have choices to improve efficiencies and resiliency in their own lives that can benefit our environment and help counter climate change.

I ask that you please include nuclear power in our combined carbon free energy portfolio.

Sincerely,

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