



February 7, 2023

Sen. Nick Frentz, Chair
Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue W.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum (MnCEF), a non-profit education and advocacy organization that promotes an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy for Minnesota. We encourage policymakers to embrace innovations in clean and affordable energy based on our conservative principles such as economic growth, property rights, personal stewardship, job growth, and national security. I am writing to you today to share MnCEF’s support for Senator Mathews’s bill, SF 1171, requiring a study of advanced nuclear energy technology and the potential benefits, costs and impacts on Minnesota.

While MnCEF supports the inevitable transition to renewable sources of energy like wind and solar, Minnesota will still need additional sources of energy to replace base load energy currently generated by fossil fuels. MnCEF supports this study as we believe nuclear energy is a critical piece of meeting the decarbonization goals set by this legislature and supporting the all-of-the-above strategy we need to stabilize and transform the grid for the future. The study would look at the benefits, jobs, costs, and impacts of nuclear power on the state of Minnesota and its grid makeup. It would equip future legislatures with the information necessary to make well-informed decisions regarding Minnesota’s energy policy to ensure a cleaner, more reliable grid and affordable energy for Minnesotans.

We urge you to support SF 1171 and allow this important study to move forward. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing to work toward a cleaner and more reliable energy grid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kayla Christensen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Kayla Christensen
Executive Director
Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum