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

Chair Frentz, Vice Chair Xiong 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 Vice Chair Xiong’s bill, SF 2249, providing funding for Minnesota Energy Alley.

Allocating funding for Minnesota Energy Alley would help Minnesota establish itself as a leader in renewable energy innovation and position us to be competitive for securing both large federal and private investments. Innovations in the clean energy space will be key to ensuring we will have affordable and reliable power in the future. This funding will provide crucial resources for entrepreneurs who are breaking new ground in energy technologies, helping them to advance their work and bring these new technologies to market sooner. I ask for your support for this exciting and important opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to invest in and strengthen Minnesota’s energy grid for years to come.

Sincerely,

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

Kayla Christensen
Executive Director
Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum