

Honorable Erin Murphy  
Chair, Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee  
Minnesota State Senate  
3211 Minnesota Senate Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Chair Murphy, Vice Chair Mitchell, Ranking Minority Member Anderson, and members of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee,

We, the undersigned, submit this letter urging you to support a clean transportation standard in the 2023 Minnesota legislative session, following the recommendations laid out in the Minnesota [Climate Action Framework](#) and the [Governor's Council on Biofuels report](#). Convened by the Great Plains Institute, the Future Fuels Coalition is a broad coalition of stakeholders that have been working together to develop and implement a clean transportation standard that best suits Minnesota. The coalition is made up of a wide array of stakeholders, including environmental non-profits, renewable fuel producers, electric utilities, manufacturers, and agriculture and industry groups, all supportive of a Minnesota clean transportation standard.

The bipartisan Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 established greenhouse gas reduction goals that Minnesota is behind schedule in achieving when it comes to its highest emitting sector: transportation. We believe that a clean transportation standard should be part of an all-of-the-above strategy that will be essential for Minnesota to reach its transportation decarbonization targets.

Minnesota has long been a leader in clean fuels innovation, and implementing a clean transportation standard would keep Minnesota in that leadership position and build on its past successes. Economic impact modeling shows that a clean transportation standard would lead to increased investment in a variety of cleaner fuels which would lead to net-positive and equitable economic impacts for Minnesotans. An [economic modeling analysis](#) found that a clean transportation policy in Minnesota and Iowa would result in economic benefits to households while creating additional labor income, employment, and economic output. Another [recent study](#) found that an existing clean transportation policy has not impacted fuel prices at the pump.

In addition to those outlined above, we believe that a clean transportation policy designed based on recommendations in the white paper "[A Clean Fuels Policy for the Midwest](#)" can have many benefits for Minnesota, including:

- Benefits for consumers through market access for clean fuels that are often lower cost than conventional fuels and currently face barriers to entry in the marketplace.
- Equitable access to clean transportation for all Minnesota communities.
- Increased investment in cleaner fuels for all types of vehicles and a more innovative and prosperous clean fuels sector spurring consumer demand for cleaner products.
- A technology- and fuel-neutral, performance-based approach that rewards the cleanest fuels and expands the fuel market without having government pick winners and losers.
- Reductions in air pollution and associated health benefits, particularly in areas that have been disproportionately impacted by transportation pollution.
- Economic incentives and market demand to maximize the resource value of organic waste (including manure, biosolids, and food waste), reducing the climate impacts of organic waste, and supporting counties' efforts to achieve state recycling goals.

- Increased energy independence by relying less on imported resources and more on state resources.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the two highest-emitting sectors of transportation and electricity, as well as in the agricultural sector.
- The potential to support voluntary farmer-led efforts to invest in and adopt agricultural conservation practices that benefit soil health and water quality and reduce farm-level greenhouse gas emissions.

The organizations listed below represent a growing list of stakeholders deeply invested in reducing emissions from transportation fuels, including automakers, environmental groups, utilities, science-based organizations, renewable fuel producers, technology companies, electric vehicle charging companies, non-profit clean energy organizations, counties, and more.

We have a unique opportunity to act now given political momentum in Minnesota and federal investments in clean fuels which will complement the benefits of state action and attract investments to our state. We urge you to take that opportunity by supporting a clean transportation standard for Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Automotive Innovation  
 American Coalition for Ethanol  
 Amp Americas  
 ChargePoint  
 Christianson, PLLP  
 Clean Energy Economy Minnesota  
 ClearFlame  
 Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas  
 Comstock, Inc.  
 Conservation Minnesota  
 Delta  
 Dovetail Partners  
 Electrification Coalition  
 Electrify America  
 Fresh Energy  
 Gevo  
 Koda Energy  
 Nature Energy  
 NGVAmerica  
 Oberon Fuels  
 Plug In America  
 Rahr Energy  
 Partnership on Waste and Energy (Hennepin, Ramsey & Washington counties)  
 Renewable Fuels Association  
 Rivian  
 Tesla  
 Union of Concerned Scientists  
 ZEF Energy