



Dear Chair Frentz and members of the committee,

The Minnesota BlueGreen Alliance coalition supports state funding for SF 4889. The Anaerobic Digester Energy System Project is a collaborative effort between local government, Tribal Nation and industry—benefitting union members and community members alike.

DemCon's Shakopee facilities are represented by the Teamsters Local 120, whose members are committed to workplace and environmental safety and being good neighbors to their community. Investing in an anaerobic digester at DemCon Shakopee would ensure a more circular future for the greater Shakopee area. Reducing landfilled waste, achieving clean energy goals, and increasing job opportunities is a win-win-win. The project's biochar operations would be a valuable local source for remediation and environmental maintenance work, ensuring we can move quickly when responding to increasing intense storms, floods, fires, and more. The project would create at least 13 new full time jobs, while also preserving jobs at DemCon's Shakopee facilities.

We recognize this is a significant bonding ask but it is essential to act now so the project can take advantage of all funding streams available. State buy-in is important to the success of this project, which will have far reaching benefits to Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration,

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