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**Minnesota Senate**

Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Nuclear Energy Usage in Minnesota

Dear Co-Chair Frentz, Co-Chair Mathews and Members of the Committee,

Citizens' Climate Lobby Minnesota (CCL MN) is a non-partisan, non-profit volunteer driven advocacy organization working to advance climate, clean energy and conservation solutions. I write today on behalf of our chapters and thousands of volunteers across Minnesota. In order to reduce emissions at the speed and scale required, we think it's important to consider all technology options, including nuclear, that will help move us quickly towards 100% clean energy. Renewables such as solar and wind have an important role as does nuclear, especially to provide firm, reliable power with the ability to 'keep the lights on' during extreme weather events. Many experts believe that nuclear energy, a major source of carbon-free electricity in most advanced economies, will continue to play an important role in decarbonization, and CCL MN respects that expertise.

Our communities and our economy need energy in the form of both power and heat that is affordable, clean, reliable and safe. Nuclear energy can uniquely address these expectations providing not only clean power, but also clean heat for the building and industrial sectors. The recent Department of Energy Lifford report highlighted the cost advantage of adding nuclear to variable renewable energy sources. And while there are important conversations about safety and storage, the United States with controls and regulations in place has proven these can be safely managed protecting our communities while "keeping the lights on".

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a national organization that talks to every office in Congress seeking to build on our shared values to find common ground political solutions. We are aware of bipartisan support for nuclear energy at the federal level and encourage the Minnesota Legislature to recognize the role and need for nuclear energy to address our growing demand for affordable, clean, reliable and safe energy for our communities. In Minnesota, a 30-year-old nuclear moratorium is slowing down our progress towards 100% clean energy.

Sincerely,

Greg Jason

CCL MN Statewide Team Leader