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The Honorable Nick Frentz
Chair, Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
95 University Ave W
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3109
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Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

Fresh Energy is a 30-year-old, Minnesota-based nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization. We work to shape and drive bold policy solutions to achieve equitable carbon-neutral economies. We appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts in support of Senate File 1710.

Fresh Energy recognizes that as Minnesota's energy systems transition to maximizing home-grown clean energy for things like green hydrogen, green ammonia for fertilizer and other emerging applications, we'll also need the technology infrastructure to support these new economies. We support SF 1710 because it would invest in the Minnesota-based MRETs software platform to allow more granular tracking necessary to support these growing industries. We expect investments like this will result in a much greater return for the state as a necessary element to unlock new clean energy industries.

Minnesota is well positioned as a leader in these emerging clean technologies. Senate File 1710 will further position Minnesota to effectively market our homegrown clean energy solutions on a national and global scale. For these reasons, we recommend that members support Senate File 1710.

Sincerely,

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