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Chair Nick Frentz  
Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee  
3109 Minnesota Senate Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

Center for Energy and Environment (“CEE”) respectfully submits this letter to express our support for SF 761 (Xiong), a bill providing additional funding for Minnesota Energy Alley legislation.

This bill will provide additional funds to support Clean Energy Economy Minnesota and Grid Catalyst’s important initiative to support Minnesota’s energy entrepreneurs and startup businesses. Over the past two years, they have funded seven pilot projects and three startups that were then chosen by the Department of Energy for major DOE grants. These successes, along with many other opportunities for Minnesota’s entrepreneurs to connect and grow, suggest that Minnesota Energy Alley shows great promise as an economic development tool for Minnesota’s clean energy economy.

Investing in Minnesota Energy Alley is a commitment to our state’s energy and economic development future. Minnesota is home to over 62,000 clean energy jobs. Those jobs are growing at a rate nearly five times faster than overall state job growth. Notably, 1 in 3 of these jobs are in Greater Minnesota. To sustain this growth, we must have mechanisms to attract, integrate, and build new technologies in our state. It is a competitive landscape, and strategic initiatives like Minnesota Energy Alley are making a difference in delivering solutions that ensure our energy system is more reliable, affordable, and resilient.

Through this initiative, Minnesota established itself as a go-to region for energy innovation, emerging technologies, and long-term partnerships. We encourage the committee to continue its support of Minnesota Energy Alley by passing SF 761.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Aly Eilers  
Manager of Legislative Affairs  
Center for Energy and Environment