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The Honorable Nick Frentz  
Chair, Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
95 University Avenue West, Room 3109  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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 761.

As Minnesota continues its energy transition, investment in emerging, clean technologies is essential to meeting our state's 100% by 2040 and net-zero goals. Support for the Minnesota Energy Alley through Senate File 761 is an opportunity to leverage the technological expertise and innovation of Minnesota's energy entrepreneurs through seed funding, industry-wide collaborating, and training to more quickly commercialize new clean energy technologies.

Senate File 761 provides a forward-thinking solution to onramp new businesses and develop strong market competitiveness during a period of unprecedented global investment in clean energy technology. Supporting Minnesota's clean energy businesses will spur job creation, strengthen our state's economy, and establish Minnesota as a dynamic and innovative leader in clean energy technology at a regional, national, and global level.

For these reasons, we encourage members to support Senate File 761.

Sincerely,

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