



April 7, 2025

Chair Nick Frentz

Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3109  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Frentz and Members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee:

We are reaching out today to thank you for including \$4 million in RDA funding for the anaerobic digestion project we are developing in coordination with our private partner, Dem-Con Companies. We are excited by the possibilities presented by this project and are thrilled that the committee is showing such interest and support.

As you recall, this anaerobic digester, to be built in Scott County, will process 75,000 tons/year of food waste and other organic material into renewable natural gas and biochar. By keeping these organics out of landfills and using them for energy we are producing a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing over 7,000 gas powered vehicles from the road each year. The facility will produce 200,000 MMBtus of renewable natural gas – the equivalent of heating over 2,500 homes annually. This is domestic energy, produced locally, from a waste product. The biochar can be used for water and air filtration, and as a soil amendment. Additionally, labs have found that the biochar process has the ability to destroy PFAS down to below detectable limits. The facility creates several new prevailing wage FTE jobs as well as many other indirect jobs – truck drivers, lab technicians, consultants, equipment providers, maintenance, electrical, mechanical, etc.

We are committed to pursuing this next level in waste management and renewable energy production for Minnesota. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Commissioner MaryJo McGuire  
Board Chair  
Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy  
Ramsey County Commissioner, District 2

Commissioner Fran Miron  
Board Vice Chair  
Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy  
Washington County Commissioner, District 1