

Senator Founq Hawj
Chair, Environment, Climate and Legacy Committee
95 University Avenue West
Minnesota Senate Building: Room 3231
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Senate File 2530-Gas Exploration and Development

Dear Chair Hawj and Members:

Iron Range Exploration (IRE) would like to express its support and appreciation to the committee for your consideration of Senate File 2530 (Hauschild), regarding proposed statutory provisions governing the exploration and development of gas resources in the State of Minnesota. IRE looks forward to working with you in developing this legislation in the weeks ahead.

IRE commends you, the committee members, and Senator Hauschild for pursuing passage of this proposed legislation based on the recommendations of the Gas Resources Technical Advisory Committee (GTAC). The GTAC was an important partner created by the 2024 Minnesota legislature that met throughout the 2024 interim to discuss and develop recommendations that are the basis for this important legislation. IRE provided extensive comments and recommendations to the GTAC, which were included in its final report.

IRE is a technology-advanced natural hydrogen exploration company that has identified the presence of significant hydrogen reserves here in the United States. By leveraging its experience, a proprietary database, and a suite of data analytics tools, IRE aims to enable large-scale clean hydrogen production with 24/7 dispatchability and global reach. IRE is dedicated to the safety of people and community, environmental preservation and overall operational excellence. We also have provided the committee a background document on IRE and general information on hydrogen exploration and production.

Thank you again for your time today and IRE looks forward to working with you on this important legislation. If you have any questions or concerns for IRE, please contact Bronson Barrett by email at bronson@ironrangeexploration.com.

Sincerely,

Iron Range Exploration



Bronson Barrett