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Senator FOUNG HAWJ
Chair
Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, a statewide organization representing more than 6,300 businesses and more than half a million employees, supports SF2530, a bill from Senator Grant Hauschild that establishes a regulatory framework for permitting gas development in Minnesota.

Minnesota has a long and storied history of developing our natural resources to build and benefit our modern world. The discovery of helium and the potential for other gases like hydrogen are the next frontier.

Helium is a key input for countless applications. Semiconductors, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation pumps, MRI scanning technology, electric vehicles, arc welding, transportation, and more all rely on helium. Its low chemical reactivity, low flammability, and lacking color, odor, and taste, makes it workable and transportable.

The helium resource discovered in northern Minnesota is world-class with a concentration of up to 14.5%. For comparison, commercially viable deposits must have a helium concentration of at least 0.3%.

Because gas resources have never before been developed in Minnesota, it is imperative to establish a system to ensure we can responsibly develop those resources. SF2350 does just that. It creates a system with transparency for the public, certainty for developers, and includes recommendations from the various state agencies with jurisdiction over permitting.

Thank you to Senator Hauschild for introducing the bill and Senator Hawj for holding today's hearing. The Chamber supports SF2530 and looks forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Morley", is placed above the printed name.

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