



## Letter of Support – Senate File 570

Friday, April 4th, 2025

Chairman Hawj and members of the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee,

My name is Cale Dunwoody, and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce (FMWF Chamber). On behalf of our over 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of S.F. 570, relating to Minnesota's environmental permitting process.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. Minnesota's current permitting process creates significant barriers for those seeking to obtain environmental permits and does not provide them with certainty. This burdensome and unpredictable process negatively impacts economic development across the state and is a critical factor for businesses when deciding whether to establish operations in Minnesota or another state. Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) rules must be amended to attract and retain key industries, such as agriculture, energy, manufacturing, and processing.

The changes outlined in this bill establish a more transparent and efficient permitting process—providing timely information and critical resources to develop and grow businesses in Minnesota. For these reasons, we respectfully urge the committee to support S.F. 570.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your commitment to Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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