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Dear Committee Members,

The Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum writes to you today to encourage you to support SF225. The bill is a positive step forward for clean and affordable energy in Minnesota and supports a diverse, All-of-the-Above solution for energy.

MnCEF is a non-profit education and advocacy organization that promotes an All-of-the-Above energy strategy for Minnesota. We encourage policymakers to embrace the potential of innovations in clean energy based on our conservative principles such as economic growth, property rights, innovation, job growth, and national security.

Diversity, both geographic and among generation types, is emerging as a singular key factor to support grid reliability. Providing the widest possible range of energy choices for local utilities not only opens our energy markets up to innovation but also provides grid operators with maximum possible solutions when grid difficulties arise. No one generation technology is immune to difficulties from extreme weather, plant failure, generator failure, grid failures, or other problems, so it's important we keep our options as open as possible. SF225 supports this by expanding the options available to Minnesota utilities to include clean nuclear options.

It's also important that our regulatory structure be open to enabling new and emerging technologies to experience success if the engineering realities come to support it. Nuclear is a longstanding and trusted energy supply in Minnesota while also being a field of developing study. New types of reactors, smaller reactors, and other developments show potential to provide new reliability and cost solutions in the near future. Minnesota's system should allow utilities to harness these advancements should they emerge rather than the political and regulatory system being forced to play catch-up to technology.

Last, as MnCEF has made clear in its support of Clean Energy First legislation and other legislation, nuclear provides a trusted course of clean and carbon-free energy for Minnesota and is an important part of a Minnesotan clean energy future.

We encourage the committee to support advancement of SF225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Seidel".

Adam Seidel  
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