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Honorable Jamie Long
Chairman, House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
517 State Office Building
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Long

I am writing on behalf of Plug In America in support of the Future Fuels Act.

The Future Fuels Act is bipartisan legislation that supports increased use of biofuels and other low carbon fuels in Minnesota. This is a critical “all-of-the-above”, technology-neutral, approach for meeting the state’s statutory bipartisan petroleum replacement goals in a science and performance-based way. The Future Fuels Act is supported by a broad coalition that includes biofuels industry, agriculture, auto manufacturing, renewable natural gas, electric sector, and clean fuels infrastructure. It is consistent with a recommendation from the Governor’s Council on Biofuels.

Plug In America is a national organization that is the voice of the electric vehicle driver, and we have over 600 hundred members in Minnesota.

Specifically, my organization supports the Future Fuels Act bill because:

- It helps achieve GHG reduction targets in bipartisan Next Generation Energy Act
- It increases use of a variety of cleaner fuels, including electricity for electric vehicles.
- The bill is expected to improve air quality and public health, targeting communities with a disproportionate health burden from transportation pollution, and requires extensive outreach efforts to those communities.
- The bill is a technology and fuel-neutral policy that increases consumer access to cleaner fuels at lower cost. It is a private-sector innovation policy, not a government mandate.
- It does not mandate any particular fuel, does not involve government collecting revenue, does not regulate vehicles, and does not tie Minnesota in any way to regulators in another state.
- The economic impact analysis demonstrates net-positive economic impacts from this program for fuel-producing sectors (ethanol, biodiesel, renewable natural gas), the forest products industry through production of renewable diesel, and fuel consumers.
- The bill provides clear and principled direction for the regulatory agencies to use in developing the regulation to implement this Act.

We thank you for your consideration. Please contact our Policy Director, Peter Chipman, at pchipman@pluginamerica.org, or me, at DTaylor@pluginamerica.org, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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