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Honorable Minnesota State Senators
95 University Ave W
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Honorable Minnesota State
Representatives
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: HF 701/SF 1037
Renewable Natural Gas Production from Anaerobic Digestion of Organics**

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint) supports the proposed Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC. (DC/HZI) anaerobic digester for organic wastes as an innovative solution to provide renewable natural gas (RNG) in Minnesota. The proposed project will process food waste and organics from the Twin Cities metropolitan area into RNG and biochar.

Specifically, the proposed DC/HZI digester would process up to 70,000 tons of organic waste creating an estimated 170,000 MMBtu of RNG per year, 10,000 tons of biochar, and reducing over 30,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions. The RNG provides a renewable source of energy, and the biochar can be used to sequester carbon, both of which help to meet Minnesota's greenhouse gas reduction goals. The greenhouse gas emission reduction from the proposed digester is equivalent to removing 6,147 passenger vehicles from the road each year ([Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator | US EPA](#)).

CenterPoint Energy is interested in helping our customers reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by purchasing RNG as part of our overall gas supply. Accordingly, CenterPoint Energy has included this project in our Innovation Plan submitted to the Public Utilities Commission under the Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA), approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2021. NGIA was passed with the intention of helping Minnesota reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals. This proposed project is a great example of the infrastructure necessary to help meet these goals.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about our initiatives, please contact me directly at 612-321-5348

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Steber".

Brad Steber
Regional Vice President, Minnesota Gas Operations