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Minnesota House Energy and Finance Committee
Minnesota State Capitol, Room 123
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard
St Paul, MN 55155

Co-Chair Acomb, Co-Chair Swedzinski and members of the Committee:

The American Clean Power Association (ACP) and Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) would like to express our opposition to HF 1859 which would prohibit the placement of wind turbines within one mile of a residence.

ACP is a national trade association for today's multi-tech clean energy industry, representing energy storage, wind, utility-scale solar, clean hydrogen, and transmission companies.

CGA is a regional trade organization that works across nine states in the upper Midwest, including Minnesota. CGA's membership consists of wind and solar developers, manufacturers, and nonprofit clean energy advocacy organizations. CGA's goal is to advance renewable energy development opportunities across the region.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has a very robust and thoughtful process for siting of wind energy facilities that considers a variety of factors including impacts on residential dwellings. An arbitrary one-mile setback requirement would not only significantly limit private property rights, but it would essentially ban all future wind development in the state.

Renewable energy is a significant economic driver for the state. In 2024, renewable energy production taxes contributed over \$18 million in local revenue. Wind alone accounts for over \$16 million of that. HF 1859 would prohibit all future landowners and local governments from taking advantage of these economic opportunities.

ACP and CGA appreciate the opportunity to comment on HF 1859 and urge the committee to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

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