



March 10, 2021

Honorable Jamie Long  
Chairman, House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
517 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Long,

I am writing to you on behalf of Antares Group Inc. (**Antares**) regarding the Future Fuels Act.

The Future Fuels Act was developed by a strong coalition of organizations and demonstrates broad support of a technology-neutral portfolio approach to decarbonize transportation fuels in Minnesota. Beyond lowering the carbon emissions in transportation fuels, it will boost the state's economy and improve public health, especially for historically disadvantaged populations such as low-income and people of color. This policy is a win-win-win for the economy, the environment, and the people of Minnesota.

**Antares** is very supportive of a proactive government role which incentivizes a vision for an environmentally sustainable future. Reducing carbon emissions in a way to be inclusive of all populations under a wide variety of economic circumstances is smart public policy.

We at **Antares** conduct research in the biomass space and have worked with farmers/growers in Minnesota who also have a vision of farm production systems which are sustainable economically, environmentally and socially. Including the use of biomass to replace fossil fuels can be additive to a rural economy and should encourage young families to look to the quality of life in rural communities.

**Antares** supports the concepts put forth in the FUTURE FUELS ACT and the efforts by Minnesotans to reduce carbon emissions in transportation fuels sold in your state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William W Belden".

William W Belden  
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**Antares Group Inc.**

