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Chair Chris Swedzinski
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Patty Acomb
5th Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Acomb, Chair Swedzinski, and Members of the House Energy Committee:

The Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) Board is proud to offer our support to HF 2248 (Sexton), a bill that increases a utility's ability to cost-effectively store Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) when supply exceeds current demand.

R&E is currently working, with our private partner Dem-Con HZI, to develop an anaerobic digestion facility that will process food waste into RNG. We know that in Minnesota the demand for natural gas can be cyclical and some of the months with lowest demand (summer) align with the highest volume of food waste collected from our residents. Allowing utilities to store excess RNG created from the anaerobic digester and other sources to be used when demand is higher just makes sense. Storage can be a vital tool to manage supply risk during the coldest days and can be used to increase system resiliency, lower costs, and create more opportunities to leverage made-in-Minnesota renewable natural gas.

We hope that the committee will join us in supporting HF 2248. Please reach out to Melissa Finnegan (mfinnegan@recyclingandenergy.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Commissioner MaryJo McGuire
Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board Chair
Ramsey County Commissioner, District 2