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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

Re: Support for the Future Fuels Act

To Chair Long,

Rivian Automotive, LLC, ("Rivian") is pleased to express its support for the Future Fuels Act. Rivian applauds Minnesota's efforts to join other leading states in establishing a clean fuels program.

Keeping the World Adventurous Forever

Founded in 2009, Rivian is an independent company headquartered in California. With over 12,000 employees across the globe, it's Rivian's mission to Keep the World Adventurous Forever. Rivian's focus is the design, development, manufacture, and distribution of all-electric adventure vehicles, specifically pickups, sport utility vehicles, and commercial vans. Key to the success of our mission, these vehicles will displace some of the most polluting passenger vehicles on the road today.

Rivian brought the first electric truck to market last year when we launched the R1T pickup from our manufacturing facility in Normal, Illinois, followed shortly thereafter by the R1S SUV and a commercial fleet electric delivery van for Amazon. The R1T and R1S provide all-electric options in segments where added utility is a necessity. The R1T has an EPA-certified 314-mile range and 11,000lbs of towing capacity, while the R1S is a seven-passenger full-sized SUV; both are well-equipped for off-roading in a range of climates. Rivian is also building a network of DC fast and Level 2 chargers across the nation. Rivian maintains a physical presence in Minnesota at our customer-facing service center in the Twin Cities.

Rivian Supports the Future Fuels Act and its Potential Benefits for Transportation Electrification

The Future Fuels Act was developed by a strong coalition of organizations and demonstrates broad support for a technology-neutral, portfolio approach to decarbonizing transportation fuels in Minnesota. Beyond lowering the carbon emissions of transportation fuels, the Act will boost the state's economy and improve public health, especially for historically disadvantaged populations who tend to suffer disproportionately from poor air quality. This policy will help to accelerate electrification of transportation in Minnesota and help the state to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. This policy is a win-win-win for the economy, the environment, and the people of Minnesota.

Evidence from similar policies already in effect around the country shows that clean fuels standards reduce greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and air pollution and are powerful enablers of transportation electrification.¹ By design, clean fuels policies directly incentivize and thus marshal private capital for charging infrastructure development and fleet electrification. Moreover, with the appropriate frameworks in place they create new revenue streams that can support consumer purchases of electric vehicles ("EVs") and manufacturer investments in electric vehicle technology and development. In this way, a CFS policy in Minnesota would be a perfect complement to the state's Advanced Clean Cars rule and its ambitions to further electrify the transportation sector. **Adopting a suite of mutually reinforcing policies that accelerates the state's transition to an electrified transportation future will catalyze efforts to achieve Minnesota's climate and air quality goals.**

The EV industry is eager to invest and grow our market in Minnesota where a CFS could be a key component of a comprehensive policy approach to addressing climate change and growing EV sales. Please contact me with any questions. Rivian welcomes the Future Fuels Act and supports its passage.

Sincerely,



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¹ California Air Resources Board, *LCFS Data Dashboard*, available at www.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/lcfs-data-dashboard; Institute of Transportation Studies, University of California, Davis, *Status Review of California's LCFS*, available at www.its.ucdavis.edu/research/californias-low-carbon-fuel-standard/; Cory Ann Wind et al., Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, *Oregon Clean Fuels Program: Program Review* (February 1, 2022), available at www.oregon.gov/deq/ghgp/Documents/CFP-ProgramReview.pdf.