



**RENEWABLE
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1200 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55416

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Dear Minnesota House and Senate Members,

Renewable Energy Partners, Inc. has been a longstanding partner of Minnesota STEM Partnership (MNSTEM) and the important work it has been doing for the past five years to create more STEM learning opportunities for under-served young people in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Since Minnesota STEM uses space at our training center in North Minneapolis, we have seen the impact of these programs on the faces of the young people who are working with robots, drones, 3D printing and engaging in coding and gaming.

These skills are critical for engagement of the next generation of Minnesota's workforce in emerging and fast-growing career fields. We support HF 1407 and its support for MNSTEM's vision to broaden participation in these advancing and emerging technologies in the Twin Cities and across the state.

MN STEM is capable of playing a critical role in building critical workforce skills in Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) where the need is greatest. Their stated goal of exposing thousands of Minnesota BIPOC students to these future labor skills will only be achieved with support for this legislation and the funding to continue their work in multiple Minnesota communities.

We urge your support for this legislation and for the important impact Dr. Wulf and his staff at MN STEM are having in our community.

Sincerely,

Jamez Staples
President and CEO
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