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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: Future Fuels Act

Dear Chairman:

As the national consumer voice for electric vehicles (EVs), Plug In America works to promote policies and programs that put more EVs on the road. EVs save consumers money, promote clean air and are powered with clean, affordable, domestic electricity. Therefore, Plug In America supports the Future Fuels Act for the reasons outlined below.

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.

In addition, the bill will serve to highlight clean transportation fuels as the way of the future. This will have the effect of showcasing EVs - fueled by electricity - as a clean option for transportation. Therefore, we support the Future Fuels Act for these below reasons as well:

- 1. The bill includes EVs as part of its broader, fuel-neutral, performance-based framework that fairly rewards all the various low-carbon fuels.
- 2. When implemented, the regulatory framework created within the bill provides a new, substantial revenue source that can help address the many barriers that light, medium and heavy duty EVs and the other low-carbon fuels face; and
- 3. The bill provides clear and principled direction for the regulatory agencies to use in developing the regulation to implement this Act.

We thank you for your leadership with this bill. Please contact our Policy Director, Katherine Stainken, at kstainken@pluginamerica.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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