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Representative Josh Heintzeman, Chair  
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Support for HF 8 - Environmental Permitting Reform Bill**

Dear Chair Heintzeman:

On behalf of the 1,700+ members and affiliates of the St. Paul Area Chamber, I write in support of HF 8, which will speed up environmental reviews and permitting while preserving strong environmental protections.

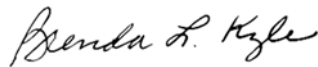
The changes proposed in this bill are technology-neutral and designed to streamline the permitting process for all types of facilities, including both new projects and permit renewals. The bill does not compromise environmental standards. Rather, its focus is on improving the efficiency and timeliness of permit issuance, which will support economic growth across all sectors while maintaining Minnesota's commitment to environmental protection.

A broad coalition of business, labor, and community organizations, including the St. Paul Area Chamber, support this legislation and recognize the need to reform Minnesota's permitting process. The proposed reforms will make the permitting process more predictable, transparent, and efficient, driving new investment and creating jobs across the state.

We urge you to support these reforms to make Minnesota a more competitive and attractive place to conduct business.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO  
St. Paul Area Chamber

