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Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Chair
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Heintzeman and Committee Members,

I am pleased to submit these comments in support of HF 8 on behalf of MiningMinnesota. Our association is a group of industry leaders who advocate for safe and responsible mining in Minnesota. We are committed to benefiting our communities and advancing a sustainable future through mining, processing, and domestic supply chain utilization of our mineral resources.

We proudly worked on and supported the bipartisan permitting reform provisions that became law last year. Legislators on both sides of the aisle recognized that while it is important for us to uphold stringent environmental protection standards, it takes too long to get permits in Minnesota. We applaud the legislature and administration for working to take steps to increase efficiency, transparency, and certainty in our permitting process.

Similarly, we look forward to continuing this work and taking it a step further, and we support HF 8 as the vehicle for that effort.

Thank you for introducing HF 8. We believe this bill will take steps to make our permitting process quicker without compromising environmental protections.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director, MiningMinnesota

