



March 26, 2026

Chair Chris Swedzinski, Chair Patty Acomb  
Minnesota House of Representatives Energy, Finance, and Policy Committee  
Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF 4711 (Igo)— Inclusion of nuclear power required as an optional resource in a utility's integrated resource plan, and state required to apply for federal funding related to nuclear-powered electric generating plants.

Chair Swedzinski, Chair Acomb and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum (MnCEF), I am writing to express our support of Rep. Igo's HF 4711. Our organization champions secure, reliable, affordable, clean American energy, through an all-of-the-above approach grounded in principles of consumer choice, free markets, and innovation across Minnesota.

Minnesota has set an ambitious carbon-free electricity standard by 2040, and meeting that goal will require every viable clean energy resource to be on the table. With the nuclear moratorium in place, utilities have no reason to include nuclear energy in their resource planning. Because many nuclear projects take a decade or longer to plan, site and permit, Minnesota needs to realistically begin planning for the role nuclear will play now.

MnCEF wholeheartedly supports working toward a cleaner grid and transitioning to renewable energy sources. However, wind and solar alone cannot reliably meet demand—Minnesota still needs firm, baseload power to replace what is currently generated by fossil fuels, and nuclear energy is a proven, safe, carbon-free source that can fill that role with a small land footprint and high power output.

By failing to even consider the potential costs and benefits of new nuclear energy during resource planning, Minnesota risks failing to meet its own carbon-free standard. The proposed legislation requires utilities to evaluate nuclear as an option in their integrated resource plans, not mandate that they select it. If nuclear doesn't make sense for a utility, it will not be selected. But the analysis should happen rather than dismissing a valuable resource before it's even been considered.

This bill also ensures Minnesota is not leaving federal dollars on the table. With a significant federal investment flowing toward nuclear energy, the state should be actively pursuing every opportunity for which it is eligible. The annual reporting requirement provides the legislature with clear visibility into what funding is available and whether Minnesota is capturing it.

MnCEF encourages you to support HF 4711 and take this important step toward a cleaner, more reliable energy future for Minnesota. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel E. Stuckey".

Rachel Stuckey  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum