

March 20, 2025

Representative Chris Swedzinski, Co-Chair  
Representative Patty Acomb, Co-Chair  
House Energy Finance and Policy Committee  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Support for H.F. 701 - Allocation of Funds for an Anaerobic Digester Energy System in Louisville Township**

Dear Chairs Swedzinski and Acomb and Committee Members:

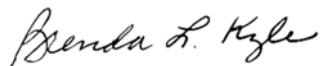
On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and its 1,900+ members and affiliates, I write to offer our support for H.F. 701, which provides funding for an Anaerobic Digester Energy System in Louisville Township.

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) manages the waste from two counties and does so in an innovative and forward-thinking way. When no curbside organics existed in the counties, R&E developed the Food Scraps Pickup Program, which uses special compostable bags that can be collected with trash and separated out by robotic sorters at their facility. The separated organics can then be processed by anaerobic digestion and produce biogas.

Along with producing clean, renewable energy, using anaerobic digestion will lead to a significant greenhouse gas emission reduction as compared to landfilling food waste. The public-private partnership between R&E and Dem-Con HZI BioEnergy will create 75,000 tons of organics processing capacity, which will assist the state in achieving its goals related to recycling (75% by 2030) and clean energy (100% by 2040).

The state funding requested in this bill will provide lasting, positive environmental impacts for the region and we ask for your support.

Sincerely,



B Kyle  
President and CEO  
St. Paul Area Chamber

