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Senator Nick Frentz 3109 Minnesota Senate Building 95 University Avenue W. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Frentz and Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee:

Thank you for including \$10 million in Renewable Development Account funding for SF 4889 (Mitchell) in the committee's 2024 omnibus bill. We appreciate the committee's interest in this innovative, forward-looking project to get organics out of our landfills and moved up the waste management hierarchy. By producing renewable natural gas from organic waste we have the opportunity to reduce reliance on traditional fossil fuels while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions from landfills. This project represents an exciting opportunity to invest in new technologies to manage our waste, create renewable natural gas, and move Minnesota forward in our climate and recycling goals.

We invite all committee members to come take a tour of both the <u>Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Facility</u> in Newport, as well as the Dem-Con facility outside of Shakopee. For Recycling & Energy tours, please contact Melissa Finnegan (<u>melissa.finnegan@ramseycounty.us</u>, 651-278-8374). For Dem-Con tours, please contact Bill Keegan (<u>billkeegan@dem-con.com</u>, 612-845-5075).

Thank you again for allowing us to share this exciting project with you. We appreciate the committee's interest and support in this innovative technology.

Sincerely,

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