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Dear Chairman Swedzinski and Members of the House Energy Committee

I am writing on behalf of the members of Minnesota Utility Investors (MUI) in support of several provisions in House File 9. MUI is a grassroots organization of almost 13,000 members. Our members are the retail (mom & pop) shareholders in the natural gas & electric investor-owned utilities operating in Minnesota. Our members are utility customers, ratepayers and community members.

MUI has a dual mission: 1) to increase our members' understanding of public policy issues and processes that can affect the value of their utility stocks and 2) to help them have a voice in the public policy arena.

We would like to express our support for the language in House File 9 that will allow new nuclear energy to be discussed in Minnesota as a carbon-free, reliable source of generation as well as the provision that allows ALL hydropower to be considered renewable energy.

We firmly believe the companies that our members have invested in need to have all generation options on the table to be successful and to meet the growing demand for power. These utilities have an "obligation to serve" and need the all the tools to provide low-cost, reliable, carbon-free energy to Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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President