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Representative Jamie Long  
Chair, Climate and Energy Finance and Policy committee  
517 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55115

**RE: HF1879 (Lippert) - Energy qualified facility reuse and redevelopment provided, bond retirement to facilitate closed landfill solar project funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated**

Dear Representative,

Connexus Energy is in full support of the HF1879 as reuse and redevelopment of closed landfills for solar. These sites are ideal for solar as they have minimal other uses and avoid the use of prime farmland.

In 2016, Connexus specifically identified the closed Anoka-Ramsey landfill as a potential site for solar and began working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. This site was shelved given the restrictions related to the general obligations bonds that were used for site improvements.

HF1879 would remove these bonding restrictions and bring this site back into play for solar development. If HF1879 is approved, Connexus will commit to work with the State in developing a solar project on the skirt land surrounding the closed Anoka-Ramsey landfill.

Sincerely,

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VP, Power Supply and Business Development