

Dear Committee Advisor Mike Molzahn,

We urge your committee to pass the four Solar energy bills that you are considering today.

Solar & Wind energy are cheaper than fossil fuel options, per US Dept of Energy.

US costs of Superstorms & Disaster Recovery had (22) events in 2020 that each exceeded \$1 Billion. These Costs are incurred by burning fossil fuels; costs are growing exponentially. MN is harmed by I-35 flood closures & flood/drought crop damage, business loss, and insurance increases, plus health costs.

1 Fund these programs:

Solar for State Parks and

Solar for Schools

Solar for Schools initiative gives 50% of the grant funding from the Renewable Development Account (RDA) which is reserved for schools in low-income communities; plus connect to STEM curriculum & future jobs in solar.

2 Clarify solar energy policy with HF 1226 and PV Demand Bill

HF 1226 removes now counterproductive, outdated language. It unfairly pits smaller solar projects against larger projects - while (methane) natural gas projects get to bid into the market at higher rates.

The PV Demand Credit bill removes specific barriers and burdens currently facing solar customers in two utilities: Otter Tail and Minnesota Power. Stop billing onerous "spot" demand charges. Push utilities to work with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to find a fairer and more accurate way to value their solar customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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