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Dear Climate and Energy Committee:

I am writing today to express support for HF 4404. I've served on the Eagan Energy and Environment Commission since 2018 and as vice chair of the commission the past two years. The availability of grants for solar would be a significant boon to our sustainability efforts in the city. For example, past initiatives included converting some of the city's fleet from gas to electric powered vehicles. Being able to also charge those vehicles using solar energy would certainly help reduce our carbon emissions.

In addition, my wife and I added solar panels to our home over a year ago. The panels have performed very well thus far, and we are very fortunate to be able to make a financial investment that will more than pay for itself in the long run. Cities and other government entities should likewise be able to make similar investments to reduce operating expenses for their constituents over time. These grants would assist with that.

Finally, we are well beyond the point where we must take significant and rapid action on climate. This bill, although relatively small in scope, does move us towards those goals. I fully support its passage as a result.

Sincerely,

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