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Dear Chairs Pratt and Noor and Members of the Jobs, Economic Development, Energy, Commerce, and Labor Conference Committee,

I am writing to urge the Senate to support language currently in HF 4355, to create a contingency fund, to be used only if needed, to support a plan for a ground mount solar array, located on a site known as "Area C," next to the former Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in the Highland Park neighborhood of St. Paul. The language is in Article 17, Section 2(c) and Article 21, Section 4.

Ameresco was selected by Northern States Power Company, via a Solar Resource Solicitation, to be the developer, owner, and operator of the proposed solar project. We are honored to be a partner in this important project, which will provide approximately 1.4 million kilowatt hours of locally generated, clean, renewable energy annually to the community.

We view the language in HF 4355 as vital support for the solar project's implementation, due to the unique nature of the Area C site and the still unknown character of a future corrective action determination of the Pollution Control Agency. The proposed solar project is a complement to the City of St. Paul's Highland Bridge project and a beneficial reuse of Area C. We expect it to be a model project for brownfield-to-brightfield development statewide.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geri Kantor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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