

## **Customizable Sample Letter**

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Representative/Senator Name

1234 Street

Office 1

St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Protect Minnesota Energy Dominance and the Community Solar Program, HF 2442  
Energy Omnibus Bill

Dear [Representative/Senator Name],

I am writing to encourage you to keep harmful changes to Minnesota's vital solar programs out of the Energy Omnibus Bill (HF 2442). Protecting Minnesotans' rights to go solar supports Minnesota families, farmers, and small businesses who depend on the ability to choose from energy options that work for them and that offer fair compensation for the energy they produce.

Specifically, I'm urging you to:

- Prevent changes to Minnesota's net metering policy; and
- Remove the provision that sunsets Minnesota's Community Solar Garden (CSG) program in 2030.

### **Net Metering**

Minnesota was the first state in the nation to pass net metering enabling legislation. This vital tool has led to over 25,000 Minnesotans securing long-term certainty on their monthly electric utility bills. Net metering offers a market rate, fair compensation to Minnesotans who invest in their own energy infrastructure that benefits everyone through a stronger, more resilient grid. Rather than paying out-of-state companies for power generation and investing billions in interstate transmission lines, utilities should be empowering their customers to participate in clean energy development.

### **Community Solar**

Community solar has been a cornerstone of Minnesota's clean energy success. Since launching in 2013, the program has:

- Delivered \$1.67 billion in economic benefits to the state
- Supported over 800 MW of clean energy on the grid  
Served more than 34,000 residential and commercial subscribers
- Delivered at least \$139 million in net savings to low-to-moderate-income (LMI) subscribers

Now is not the time to scale back a nationally recognized, successful program. With so much uncertainty at the federal level, Minnesota must lead by doubling down on what works.

Minnesota has installed nearly 3 Gigawatts of solar across the state. It's our small-scale, locally generated systems, like community solar gardens and rooftop arrays, that deliver the most direct benefits to families, farmers, and small businesses. These systems produce energy where it's used, strengthen the grid, reduce infrastructure costs, and keep energy dollars in our communities. Pulling back now would stall progress, threaten jobs, and limit access to clean energy for the Minnesotans who need it most.

Please protect Minnesota's energy future. Prevent changes to Minnesota's net metering policy and do not sunset the Community Solar Garden program.

Sincerely,

Name

*Title*

Company