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To: Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to share my support for H.F. 2164 to broaden the language therein to include solar installers in the Statewide Contractor Recovery Fund.

In 2017, I researched installers to assist me in gaining a solar panel array for my house. I had retired from the City of Duluth, who had several successfully installed projects on city buildings. They had chosen Able Energy and were pleased with the results. Hence, I also chose Able Energy to do our work.

I made a down payment of just about \$7800 with the understanding that the work would begin within six months. Despite many emails, phone calls and letters, I received no work done by Mr. Harvey and his company. I begin to work with the State of Minnesota's Attorney General's Office, the Departments of Commerce and Labor and industry.

Had solar contractors been held accountable within the Statewide Contractor Recovery Fund, I might have been able to recovery my funds. In this day of increasing the use of solar energy to power our homes, it makes sense that solar contractors pay into this fund.

Mr. Harvey has been convicted of Theft by Swindle and is ordered to pay restitution at a rate of \$200/month. It is painfully obvious to all of us Minnesotans swindled collectively that none of us will ever be made whole.

I urge you to support the amendment to broaden the scope of H.F. 2164.

Thank you for your service to Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

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