



February 23, 2026

To the Honorable Members of the Minnesota House Energy Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota State Capitol, Room 123 [Place](#)

RE: Support for Legislation Making Plug-in Solar Available in Minnesota

Dear Co-Chairs Acomb and Swedzinski and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share MN Interfaith Power & Light's support for the proposed legislation that would legalize and standardize the use of plug-in solar across Minnesota. At a time of rising electricity rates, this bill gives consumers choices.

Plug-in solar allows homeowners and renters a quick and accessible option for managing their own energy consumption. It gives Minnesotans opportunities to:

- **Reduce Utility Bills:** Even a small offset of electricity can lead to tangible savings on monthly electricity expenses, putting money back into the pockets of families and individuals.
- **Bring their Investment With Them:** Like other small appliances, no matter where people move, they can take their plug-in solar panels with them to use once an electrician has installed the proper outlet.
- **Increase Energy Independence:** By generating some of their own power, residents are less vulnerable to fluctuating energy prices and power outages.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bret Pence".

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