



NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chair Nelson and members of the House Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee

RE: Support for HF2164DE1 - Solar installers as residential contractors

The 120 Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association support House File 2164 DE1.

The 120 Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association hire over 6,000 electricians, spends over \$8 million on training every year, and are the backbone of our electrical infrastructure in Minnesota. With chapters in Rochester, Duluth, Fargo, Minneapolis, and St Paul there are NECA contractors located throughout Minnesota.

Adding the two special skills to Minnesota Statutes Section 326B.802 is a good method to regulate the solar installation industry and gives homeowners access to Residential Builders recovery fund and licensing system. When combining residential builders with licensed electrical contractors performing the electrical work necessary for a residential solar project, homeowners will receive reassurance that they are using licensed contractors in the performance of the project.

Combining the residential builder's recovery fund and the electrical contractor's performance bond and insurance (as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 326B.33) homeowners should have assurance of a quality finished solar project.

We urge passage of HF 2164 DE1.

Sincerely,

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