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Committee on Climate Energy & Finance Policy MN House of Representatives 517 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Honorable Chair Long and Committee Members:

This last October 8, the UN Human Rights Council of 47 rotating members passed the long-awaited human right "to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right that is important for the enjoyment of human rights" 1 which is expected to also being passed by the entire UN General Assembly soon for all nations and their states to act upon.

Yet, Minnesota can continue to lead right now on renewable energy utilizing its own initiative like other states as part of national momentum.

I therefore welcome and support the important legislative bills being considered on March 22 in your committee below that will help solar energy to be more often used, produced, stored and supplemented in Minnesota including:

HF4404 (Reyer) - Public building solar energy generating system installation program established to award grants, report required, and money appropriated.

HF4402 (Long) - Solar energy production incentive program extended, energy storage incentive program established, and money appropriated.

HF4305 (Long) - Solar energy production tax exemption created.

HF3897 (Hollins) - Residential building electric panel upgrade grant program established, and money appropriated.

Thank you very much,

Janette Dean
on behalf of the MN350 Action Policy Action Team

¹ UN News. <u>The human right to a clean and healthy environment: 6 things you need to know</u>. October 15, 2021. Accessed March 20, 2022.