



VOTE SOLAR

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Vote Solar, I am writing to express our strong support for HF4880. This legislation represents an important step forward in ensuring that Minnesotans can confidently participate in the clean energy transition while being protected from any misleading practices or unclear contract terms.

As outlined in the bill, the establishment of clear definitions, registration requirements for solar companies and salespersons, and enhanced oversight by the Department of Commerce will help create a more transparent and accountable marketplace. These provisions are critical to maintaining consumer trust as solar adoption continues to grow. Requiring disclosure of key system details, financing terms, and consumer rights prior to contract signing ensures that homeowners have the information they need to make informed decisions.

We are particularly encouraged by the bill's robust consumer disclosure requirements and protections against deceptive sales practices. Provisions addressing performance estimates, financing structures, cancellation rights, and the prohibition of high-pressure tactics will help prevent consumer harm. Additionally, requirements for agreement review meetings and record retention strengthen accountability and provide important safeguards for both consumers and regulators.

By establishing clear standards and protections, this legislation supports a healthy and sustainable solar market that benefits both consumers and the broader clean energy economy. We respectfully urge your support for this bill and appreciate your leadership in advancing policies that promote transparency, fairness, and access to clean energy.

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Minnesota House of Representatives
Committee on Energy Finance and Policy
Capitol 123
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: House File 4880 – Solar and Storage Consumer Protection

Dear Chair Acomb, Chair Swedzinski, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), we write in support of H.F. 4880, legislation establishing consistent, enforceable consumer protection standards for residential solar and energy storage in Minnesota.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan nonprofit representing the business voice of energy efficiency and advanced energy companies in Minnesota. Our more than 70 member companies employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans and are committed to policies that support reliability, affordability, and economic growth.

As Minnesota's distributed energy market continues to expand, strong consumer protections are essential to maintaining trust and ensuring long-term success. While many companies already follow high standards for transparency and ethical conduct, these practices are not uniformly required across the market. This creates risk for consumers and puts responsible businesses at a disadvantage.

H.F. 4880 addresses this gap by establishing clear, statewide standards that apply to all market participants. The bill creates a level playing field by ensuring that companies compete on quality and value – not misleading or inconsistent sales practices.

The legislation strengthens Minnesota's marketplace by setting clear standards, requiring registration and accountability, standardizing consumer disclosures, and enhancing enforcement against bad actors.

These protections are especially important as the market evolves and new financing models expand access to solar and storage. Ensuring transparency and accountability will help more Minnesotans participate with confidence while supporting continued industry growth.

In summary, H.F. 4880 supports a healthy, competitive market by setting clear, consistent expectations for all participants, benefiting consumers and reinforcing Minnesota's leadership in responsible clean energy deployment. CEEM was proud to be part of the stakeholder process that helped shape this legislation and appreciates the collaborative effort behind it.

Sincerely,



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April 13, 2026

Energy Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

RE: SUPPORT FOR H.F. 4880, Solar Energy Protection Act

Dear Co-Chair Acomb, Co-Chair Swedzinski and Committee members:

Solar United Neighbors (SUN) supports House File 4880, the Solar Energy Protection Act. This bill provides consumer protections that will help ensure Minnesotans get a quality solar installation at a fair price from a reputable installer.

Solar United Neighbors is a non-profit that works nationally and in Minnesota to help homeowners, farmers and small businesses go solar. We have helped hundreds of Minnesotans go solar through our solar group buy process. We also help any Minnesotan who reaches out to us with advice on solar. Because of this we have experience reviewing solar proposals and contracts from many different solar installers working in Minnesota. In our opinion, this bill will improve the solar industry for consumers.

Minnesota is fortunate to have many locally based, honest solar companies that provide quality solar installation with robust warranties at fair rates. However, solar is a relatively new product for most consumers and this lack of familiarity provides the opportunity for unscrupulous salespeople to use that to their advantage.

The bill provides these helpful standards and regulations within the solar industry:

- Requires development of enforceable standards for salespeople, installers, contractors, and third-party financing entities.
- Requires solar companies to register at the Minnesota Department of Commerce before engaging in sales activities.
- Charges the Minnesota Department of Commerce with standardizing a required disclosure form and contract. This will be particularly helpful in comparing bids and contracts.
- Requires establishing meaningful penalties for consistent bad actors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby King". The signature is stylized and includes a large "X" mark at the end.

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