



**Grant Programs for Climate & Energy**  
HF747 & HF597

January 30, 2023

Representative Patty Acomb  
593 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: Support for HF747 & HF597**

Dear Chair Acomb,

This letter is to express the City of New Brighton's support for HF747 & HF597, which establishes grants for solar energy systems and a grants program to provide financial assistance to cities to address climate change.

The City of New Brighton will be developing its first Climate Action Plan over the next year. This plan will guide the City in climate action efforts addressing adaptation needs and greenhouse gas reductions in both municipal operations as well as community-wide. As we develop our Climate Action Plan and identify priorities and goals the city will need additional funding to help achieve them. These Bills will provide a source for us to pursue and perhaps use.

The programs identified in these Bills will support communities like New Brighton and allow for the implementation of projects that address climate change and renewable energy systems. The programs provide solutions and tools to cities ever changing needs.

Many communities can benefit from these Bills, and we will continue to benefit from the expansion of these programs as we strive to meet the future needs of our citizens and environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Craig Schlichting'.

Craig Schlichting  
**Director of Community Assets and Development**