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House Energy Finance & Policy Committee
State Capitol
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Subject: Urgent Opposition to HF 1738 & Support for Preservation of Solar Rewards

Dear Chair Swedzinski & Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of All Energy Solar to express strong opposition to House File 1738, which proposes to eliminate the Solar Rewards Program, a critical initiative supporting the growth of distributed solar energy in Minnesota. Specifically, this bill's provision to terminate the program ahead of schedule in 2027 contradicts the state's 2040 renewable clean energy goals, undermines local economic stability, and restricts opportunities for Minnesota residents and businesses.

The Solar Rewards Program has been instrumental in democratizing access to solar energy, allowing homeowners, businesses, and agricultural producers to participate in the clean energy transition. The program has made solar installations more affordable, leading to increased adoption and a growing solar industry within our state. Solar Rewards has helped to create jobs, stimulate local economies, and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

This is particularly true in regard to serving low-income communities, which could receive the most benefit from reduced energy costs associated with solar power. Without targeted support, low-income residents may be left behind as the rest of the state embraces clean energy, exacerbating inequalities. The Solar Rewards Low-Income program has been instrumental in removing barriers to solar for low-income households and the full usage of funds for that purpose is proof of its phenomenal success.

The Solar Rewards Program is a valuable asset to Minnesota. Abruptly changing and ending this program would have disruptive consequences for our state, its people, and our goals. I implore you to consider the long-term impacts of HF 1738 and its repercussions on the continued growth of solar energy and diversification of energy sources in Minnesota..

Sincerely,

Michael Allen
CEO & Co-Founder
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