

April 16, 2024

Representative Patty Acomb
Chair, Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
593 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF4177 (DE2 amendment)

Dear Chair Acomb and members of the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee.

Thank you for including \$1.7 million for SolarAPP+ in HF4177 (DE2 amended). Permit Power is a non-profit whose mission is to automate the permitting for every piece of equipment a home needs to go 100% clean energy. Thank you for including the SolarAPP+ program in your bill.

This online permitting software will help rapidly increase the number of homes in Minnesota that have solar by incentivizing jurisdictions to automate their residential solar permitting process by adopting the federal Department of Energy's SolarAPP+. Automated permitting eliminates project delays and significantly reduces project costs because solar installers can take the staff time previously dedicated to securing permits and devote that to installing solar.

We appreciate the committee's support of this highly innovative and effective way to reduce the costs of solar and spur solar growth across Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Davis".

Benjamin Davis
Chief of Policy, Permit Power