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Advancing a Clean, Local,  
Equitable, Affordable, and Reliable  
Energy Future for Minnesota

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## **Testimony on House File 845, Various provisions governing net metering modified**

Chair Swedzinski and House Energy Finance & Policy Committee Members,

The CLEAR Energy Coalition supports clean, affordable, and reliable energy for all Minnesotans, including local rooftop solar. We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on House File 845, which would reduce payments for solar owners in municipal and cooperative utility territories and make other changes to solar net metering policy. (Under Minnesota's current net metering policy, people with solar arrays under 40 kilowatts get paid the retail electric rate for any energy they send to the grid.)

**The CLEAR Energy Coalition strongly opposes HF 845.** This bill would:

- Unfairly compensate solar owners in rural communities and small towns for the energy they put on the electric grid, putting them at a disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts.
- Take options away from farmers, households, and small businesses who want to lower their energy costs with rooftop solar.
- Make it harder financially for moderate- and low-income households to go solar, ensuring that only wealthy households can benefit.
- Kill jobs in Minnesota's solar industry — for example, California [lost about 17,000 jobs](#) after making changes to its net metering policy.
- Reduce the amount of energy we can generate locally and make Minnesota more dependent on energy from outside of the state.

We encourage you to oppose HF 845 and instead explore ways to promote local clean energy, like rooftop solar. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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