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Climate and Energy Policy and Finance Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Climate and Energy Policy and Finance Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Rep. Pinto's HF 3907. This bill is in response to community conversations about "Area C" and its potential to host a large solar array next to the former Ford Motor Company's Twin Cities Assembly Plant in the Highland Park neighborhood of St. Paul.

Ameresco was selected by Northern States Power Company, via a Solar Resource Solicitation, to be the developer, owner, and operator of the proposed solar project. We are honored to be a partner in this important project, which will provide approximately 1.4 million kilowatt hours of locally generated, clean, renewable energy annually to the community.

We view HF 3907 as vital support for the solar project's implementation, due to the unique nature of the Area C site and the still unknown character of a future corrective action determination of the Pollution Control Agency. The proposed solar project is a complement to the City of St. Paul's Highland Bridge project and a beneficial reuse of Area C. We expect it to be a model project for brownfield-to-brightfield development statewide.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geri Kantor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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