



WE MOVE MN SOLAR FORWARD

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The Minnesota Legislative Energy Commission
Minnesota Senate Building Room 1200
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: MnSEIA Letter In Support of The Solar Industry and Minnesota's Community Solar Garden Programs

Dear LEC Senators and Representatives,

I write today on behalf of the Minnesota Solar Energy Industry in support of our nation-leading Community Solar Garden program, our attention to consumer demand for renewable energy options, and our members' adherence to high quality work and ethical conduct while operating in the state of Minnesota. Our industry members plan to testify today and shine a light on the great impact they have made on our \$3+ billion solar industry in Minnesota.

MnSEIA is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit trade association that operates as the voice of Minnesota's solar industry. With over 110 Minnesota-based businesses and organizations in its membership, MnSEIA represents the business interests of its members and solar energy users to significantly grow the solar industry in Minnesota.

Community Solar Gardens

This year Minnesota will reach 1,000 Megawatts (1 Gigawatt) of solar generated from solar installations, the vast majority installed since 2013 in response to customers' growing demand for renewable energy choices and supportive state policies. Minnesota's nation-leading community solar program accounts for a lot of this capacity and helps support 4,256 solar jobs in the state and a \$3+ billion industry that enhances our economy. MnSEIA is proud of its members' efforts in this arena and promotes strong, effective policies that maintain Minnesota's status as a national leader in Community Solar.

MnSEIA Membership Code of Conduct and Consumer Protection Resources

MnSEIA has always showcased its installer members on its website and we remain proud of our high-quality member businesses. Moving Minnesota solar forward is an effort that requires our members to be qualified, ethically compliant and effective companies. To that end, MnSEIA requires that all member companies understand, adhere to, and comply with our Code of Conduct (listed on our website), and we follow a formal process to investigate and address formal complaints against a member company, which in turn helps us offer high quality business listings on our webpage for customers to access. MnSEIA also provides consumer protection links from the Attorney General, Department of Labor and Industry and the

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Better Business Bureau on its Residential Specialists webpage. The Canons of our Code of Conduct bind our association members and require them to conduct business and promote their products or services in a manner that assures that public health, safety and welfare are protected. MnSEIA supports a fresh look at state level programs to ensure they remain up to speed with our fast-growing market.

Thank you very much for your time and attention: we appreciate this opportunity.

Kind regards,

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