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Minnesota Senate

Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF3873 – Plug-in Solar

Dear Chair Frentz and Members of the Committee,

Citizens' Climate Lobby Minnesota (CCL MN) is a non-partisan, non-profit volunteer driven advocacy organization working to advance climate, clean energy and conservation solutions. I write today on behalf of our chapters and thousands of volunteers across Minnesota. In order to reduce emissions at the speed and scale required to protect our health, communities and the environment, CCL MN supports policies that allow all low-carbon energy technologies (bioenergy, geothermal, hydropower, nuclear, solar, wind, etc.) to be considered fairly on their merits.

Today I submit this testimony in support of plug-in solar systems in Minnesota to help households manage rising electricity bills at no public cost. Plug-in systems are small and can be placed on balconies, patios, in backyards, or just about any small space. Plug-in solar is an option for renters and homeowners alike in nearly every housing situation.

Right now, in Germany, four million of these systems are in use with no major safety incidents reported over a decade of experience. Plug-in solar systems that are certified by UL or an equivalent national testing laboratory are safe and rigorous analysis shows that they have no net impact on the grid.

As a national organization Citizens' Climate Lobby is aware of growing bipartisan support for plug-in solar. At least 25 states have already or will introduce legislation to follow Utah's lead on plug-in solar. CCL MN hopes Minnesota legislators can also find common ground to support plug-in solar providing renters and homeowners another option to reduce energy costs across our great state.

Sincerely,
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