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**RE: Support for SF432 National Sports Center**

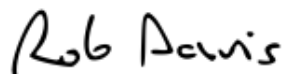
Honorable Chair Frentz and members of the Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate committee,

Connexus Energy supports legislation that will enable the National Sports Center to provide more benefits to North Metro residents and all Minnesotans by reducing their electricity bills through increased on-site solar energy generation.

The National Sports Center is located within a mile of multiple federally designated disadvantaged communities and is working collaboratively with Connexus Energy to identify emergency and essential services for community members that can be provided by NSC facilities in the event severe storms cause a temporary or extended power interruption. During peak summer months, people living in manufactured housing and/or mobile home communities, such as those near NSC, face an increased risk of dangerous heat stress and could seek temporary relief in a community cooling center provided by NSC and powered by on-site solar generation and a microgrid.

Connexus Energy is Minnesota's largest nonprofit electric cooperative and one of the 20 largest retail electric cooperatives nationwide, serving more than 330,000 people (145,000 meters) in portions of eight North Metro counties.

Sincerely,



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