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Re: SF 1404 – Public Building Solar Grants

Chair Frentz and members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on SF 1404, authored by Sen. Port. Solar generation capacity on and for public buildings will be an important component of the state meeting renewable energy generation, carbon and greenhouse gas emission reduction, and state goals for the improved energy efficiency of building envelopes. Cities across the state are finding solar energy to be an efficient, cost effective, and publicly popular step to meet those targets. The creation of a state program specifically focused on assisting local governments in Planning and financing these solar systems is a welcome and very helpful level of state support for that effort.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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