

# Letter in Support of SF 2688

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Hello,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support of SF 2688. I am a father of 4 young children, and am passionate about living more sustainably to ensure that they can enjoy the same natural environment that I did growing up. The sad news is that we are nowhere near achieving the climate goals that scientists have set forth; we need to do more.

To that end, I've wanted to install solar panels but have not had the financial ability to do so. When I first learned about solar gardens, I was excited about the prospect of getting involved in solar energy - they provide an amazing opportunity for folks like myself to live more sustainably and provide a better future for our children. The problem is that I, like over 500,000 other MN citizens, live in Ramsey county. As a result, I am not able to subscribe to Solar Gardens due to a lack of availability within Ramsey county and adjacent counties.

This bill would open up opportunities for myself and many others to get into the solar industry. Removing arbitrary geographic barriers and increasing the capacity limit would enable significant growth in solar gardens and give the people more power to live sustainably themselves. I understand that other pro-solar states have followed Minnesota's example in adopting community solar policies, but without the geographic restrictions that currently hinder my participation. The time is ripe for Minnesota to update it's policies to spur further innovation and sustainable growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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