

SF 1142

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Re: Written testimony in opposition SF 1142- Net Energy Metering Provision Modification

We are residents of Duluth township and a customer of Cooperative Light and Power. We live on a rural homestead and Sherry is a contributing member of our community as a fire fighter and medical responder for over twenty years. We include that as one example of our belief that we have a responsibility to contribute to the common good. We built our home in 2000 with the orientation and roof design to facilitate the addition of solar panels. Our first solar installation was in 2007 and we added panels in 2022 to bring our capacity to 10.5 Kw and we are grid-tied. The expected financial returns made this solar installation possible for us.

We support local renewable energy sources and incentives that promote and increase adoption of energy sources that move us closer to our carbon reduction goals. The proposed changes are a step in the wrong direction and will place additional burden on solar customers. Our solar installation is an investment in our collective future and a sustainable environment. In the short term, it can reduce peak demand and give the cooperative more flexibility in energy distribution. We need to invest in changes that make sense for future generations. This bill would do the opposite.

Thank you for your time.