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Advancing a Clean, Local,
Equitable, Affordable, and Reliable
Energy Future for Minnesota

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Testimony on Senate File 1142, Net energy metering provisions modification

Chair Frentz and Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee Members,

The CLEAR Energy Coalition supports clean, affordable, and reliable energy for all Minnesotans, including local rooftop solar. We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on Senate File 1142, which would reduce payments for solar owners who share excess energy with the electric grid in municipal and cooperative utility territories and make other changes to solar net metering policy. (Under Minnesota's current net metering policy, people with solar arrays under 40 kilowatts get paid the retail electric rate for any energy they send to the grid for their neighbors to use.)

The CLEAR Energy Coalition opposes Senate File 1142. This bill would:

- Unfairly compensate solar owners in rural areas and small towns for the electricity they put on the grid, putting them at a disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts.
- Take options away from farmers, households, and small businesses who want to lower their energy costs with rooftop solar.
- Make it harder financially for moderate- and low-income households to go solar, ensuring that wealthy households are more likely to install and benefit from rooftop solar.
- Kill jobs in Minnesota's solar industry — for example, California [lost about 17,000 jobs](#) after making changes to its net metering policy.
- Reduce the amount of energy we can generate locally and make Minnesota more dependent on energy from outside of the state.

We encourage you to oppose SF 1142 and instead to conduct further research on the issue and explore additional opportunities to promote local rooftop solar. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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