



January 27th, 2020

City of Milwaukee Common Council
Public Works Committee
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear City of Milwaukee Public Works Committee,

We are writing today to support the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office's resolution (Common Council file 191604) authorizing a lease and service agreement for the construction and operation of a solar system on a City-owned landfill at 1600 E. College Ave. through the Wisconsin Electric Power Company's ("WEPCO" or "We Energies") Solar Now Pilot program.

Clean Wisconsin is the state's oldest and largest state environmental advocacy group, serving as Wisconsin's environmental voice since 1970. Clean Wisconsin believes everyone deserves clean air and clean water. Our energy work aims to ensure a path toward a strong economy, safe environment and sustainable energy future. For years, Clean Wisconsin has fought to establish laws, programs and policies to strengthen Wisconsin's commitment to clean energy and energy efficiency.

Clean Wisconsin supports the transition of our energy systems from fossil fuel generation to clean, renewable sources of energy generation and continues to support differing scales of renewable energy, from smaller or customer-sited installations to larger-scale projects. Clean Wisconsin supports a competitive market for the provision of solar and will continue to support customer-sited generation.

We support the City of Milwaukee's efforts to limit climate change, including the City's goal of powering 25% of its electricity needs from renewable sources by 2025. This is an ambitious goal, requiring 20 megawatts (MW) of renewable-generation to meet the City's goals.

The additional benefits this project provides make it attractive beyond helping the City of Milwaukee reach its renewable energy goals. The \$90,000 in lease revenue can and should be used to support additional climate action. As part of the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity, we recognize the City's need for more support to pursue actions that will help mitigate climate change while addressing economic equity issues.

Clean Wisconsin supports the City moving forward with this project in a timely fashion. We fully understand and recognize the need to do a thorough review of the lease agreement and other considerations. At the same time, having this project in place prior to the Democratic National Convention taking place in mid-July of this year, will help to showcase the City of



Milwaukee's commitment to tackling climate change to the 50,000 visitors anticipated to attend that convention.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments in your decision-making process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Redsten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Mark Redsten
President & CEO
Clean Wisconsin