

To: Representative Pam Marsh and the House Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Jane Stackhouse

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RE: HE 2109 Modifies definition of "renewable energy facility" for purposes of county permitting process for certain energy facilities

Chair Marsh, Vice-chairs Helm and Brock Smith and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment.

I am writing in support of HB 2109 which clarifies the definition of renewable energy facility for county permitting for geothermal, solar, and wind based renewable energy facilities. I appreciate the complexity of zoning and fees and the fact that this was overlooked with the legislation from last session. Let's clean up the definition, save the counties and state money and make a smoother process for siting renewable geothermal, solar and wind electrical generation facilities while protected fertile farmland and our environment.