

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE

221 E. Cottage Grove Road Cottage Grove, WI 53527



January 18th, 2021

RE: Monona Grove High School Solar Project

Energy Innovation Grant Review Panel,

The Village of Cottage Grove Village Board and Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee would like to express our utmost support and encouragement for the Monona-Grove School Districts project of putting a 674.7KW rooftop solar PV array on the Monona-Grove High School.

This inspiring project will set an example for other school districts, municipalities and businesses in Dane county and the State. Equally important will be the impact this project will have on the students of Monona-Grove. This project will allow high school students to learn about sustainability, electricity and engineering. Furthermore, the Monona-Grove Sustainability committee has partnership will higher education campuses such as Madison College and Edgewood college to develop a curriculum and provide training in the fields of electrical engineering and fields related to this solar project. This integrated and thorough approach is fully supported by our Village Board and Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committees.

We are also extremely excited for this project because of what it could do for our community. With our Ad-Hoc Sustainability committee being newly formed (2020), the leadership and openness of the Monona Grove Sustainability Committee has been essential for own Village's sustainability plans. The lessons learned from supporting Monona-Grove's project will allow our own solar projects to proceed with fewer complications and at a faster timescale, allowing us to meet our sustainability goals of reducing our net annual electrical consumption for Village operations to 50% of 2020 levels by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

The Cottage Grove Village Board and Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee fully support this project and fully anticipate that this project will be catalyst for other school districts, municipalities and businesses to complete solar projects of their own in the near future. We encourage the Energy Innovation Grant Review Panel to recognize the merit and significance of this well-thought out and impactful proposal submitted by the Monona-Grove Sustainability committee.

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