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OF THE
MAYOR

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International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation
600 14th St. NW, Ste. 400
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Emily Dodson and Philip Haddix:

On behalf of the City of Wisconsin Rapids, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the City of Wisconsin Rapids' dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

SolSmart builds upon our community's recent acceptance in the State of Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy program, which is helping the City to track and achieve a wide variety of sustainability goals.

The City of Wisconsin Rapids will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

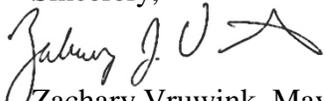
- Develop and execute a community solar program.
- Develop a streamlined process for solar permitting or inspections.
- Obtain bronze or higher designation in the SolSmart program with the aid of technical assistance provided by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Comprehensive and Sustainability Plans.

In order to measure progress along the way, the City of Wisconsin Rapids will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to the City of Wisconsin Rapids SolSmart participation can be directed to Jennifer Clark – Mayor's Executive Coordinator at jlark@wirapids.org.

Sincerely,


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