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Mr. David A. Warm
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Dear Mr. Warm,

I am writing on behalf of the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and the Environment (*iSEE*) to express our excitement about and support for the award application put forward by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Market Pathways Funding Opportunity.

One major goal of *iSEE* at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is to reduce our campus's carbon footprint through both energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, as part of our Illinois Climate Action Plan. We are in the process of finalizing a 5.8 MW "solar farm" on the south side of campus, and we have also secured funding for a 300 kW array atop the new Electrical and Computer Engineering building (part of an initiative to make that building net zero). I mention this to indicate that our campus is familiar with the process (and challenge) of installing solar photovoltaics.

A second major thrust of *iSEE* is education and public outreach, an effort headed up by Associate Director Madhu Khanna (Professor Khanna is out of the country at the moment, which is why this letter is coming from me). It is in this domain where we envision partnering with the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area and its partners to help cultivate various new strategies for the deployment of additional solar generating capacity in our region in the coming years. We are particularly interested in working to remove information barriers to widespread adoption of solar photovoltaics, and view this as a natural complement to our outreach programs.

We enthusiastically support MARC's award application, and assuming that it is accepted we look forward to partnering with the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area and our other regional partners in this exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. J. McCall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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