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Fellow Selectboard Chair,

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Greetings, and Happy New Year from the Rutland Town Selectboard. Enclosed you will find a resolution drafted by our board which is being sent to every municipality in Vermont. We are attempting, through this resolution, to form a coalition of Vermont communities which will support reasonable legislation to restore local community input to the regulatory process when addressing the issue of Solar Siting in our state.

Our community has spent countless hours during a whole yearlong process to develop a document called SOLAR SITING STANDARDS, which was then adopted by our Planning Commission as an amendment to our Town Plan. This document was a thoughtful representation of our community's support for Solar development and outlined our town's plan for its reasonable integration to the landscape of our community. The document, and therefore our town's plan for such development, was virtually ignored by the regulatory process. This is not what we feel the state intended when encouraging and supporting the entire deliberative planning process in our state which has served us all so well for decades.

Our board, indeed our citizens, are not opposed to Renewable Energy including Solar development. We view the enclosed Resolution as a positive step in the introduction of bi-partisan legislation that will allow local community leaders such as yours legitimate input to the Solar Siting Process and standards.

You may show your support for this resolution by simply signing the document at the bottom and/or indicating a date of a board vote to do so, and returning same to: Rutland Town Selectboard, 181 Business Rt. 4, Center Rutland, VT 05736. Our intent is that legislation be introduced in both the House and Senate at the earliest date possible.

Thank you in advance for joining other Vermont communities in our attempt to give meaningful input to our citizenry, and we wish you the best in your valuable service to your community.

Respectfully yours,

Steven E. Hawley, Chairman

Rutland Town Selectboard