

Dear Chair Durfee and members of the House Agricultural Committee,

As you consider energy and land use policy, I encourage you to read the testimony filed in the 20 MW Shaftsbury Solar case, which you can find here:



[From Serene Shaftsbury to Industrial Solar?  
storymaps.com](https://storymaps.com)

Robert Amelang’s testimony about the grid issues and adding more solar in Vermont are a must-read. Jesse McDougall’s expertise on regenerative farming and soils provides insights into understanding the carbon cycle and the importance of protecting agricultural soils. Ronald Moir, Evan Abramson, Keegan Delury provide expert testimony about the impacts to the natural environment, including potential for increasing stormwater runoff and the inadequacy of the submissions by the developer. Samantha Anderson and Stella Ehrich speak to the aesthetics of the area. This testimony by neighbor intervenors reveals the value that Vermont citizens add to the Public Utility Commission’s ability to evaluate projects. Shaftsbury Solar is the perfect example of a renewable energy project that is not appropriate development for Vermont. **The Renewable Energy Standard you are considering this year fails to address land use siting. It is open season on our forests and fields if it is adopted as passed out of the House.**

Sincerely,  
Suzanna Jones

PS. Please post this on the committee website. Thank you.