

Email received 3/19/15 as Public Comment for the 3/24/15 Public Hearing on Renewable Energy Siting

Hi Katie,

Please share this with the NR Committees or post as appropriate.

To Whom it May Concern,

I will not be able to attend the Natural Resource Committees public comment on solar panel siting but I feel strongly that I want my comments heard.

I am a seventh generation Vermonter, a property owner, full time resident, father and strong advocate of alternative energy. My twitter handle is 'solargroupies' and I teach an environmental activism class at CVU High School called Money Energy Power: The Politics and Science of Energy. That is where I come from.

Unfortunately it is becoming apparent that without any siting governance Vermont may become overrun with solar panels everywhere. Some may believe this is a good thing to a point. But there are plenty of places to erect solar panels that do not destroy the agrarian and mountain aesthetic that we and others cherish.

As a state we need to choose between siting solar arrays anywhere there is space versus siting them responsibly where they do not interfere with our unique natural landscapes and historic byways that make us a popular destination. If siting goes unchecked we will soon regret having a landscape that trades green fields, mountain and lake vistas for fields full of large glass and metal structures.

I strongly urge you to pass legislation that puts controls on where solar panels can be erected immediately.

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