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Subject: In regard to Siting Renewable Energy in Vermont

Hi Katie,

I am unable to attend the hearing on March 24 but wish to submit the following comments:

Because the peak supply of many natural resources has been exceeded in recent years, it's important to me that we harness **sunlight** to power as many energy needs as possible.

I'd like to see solar power encouraged on land that would otherwise lie fallow and on rooftops across Vermont.

I appreciate the State incentives for renewable energy and hope that Vermont will continue to promote solar as a clean, renewable source of electricity.

My family and I recently purchased a share in a nearby land-based solar array, as permitting restrictions made it unaffordable to add solar to our condo's rooftop.

For years we have worked to conserve and efficiently use energy at home. We are excited that the remaining energy we use can now be generated renewably and affordably.

Although I understand that concerns have been raised about the rapid deployment of solar, many of which are based on aesthetics, I would ask that no restrictions be added that prohibit others from having similar solar opportunities.

I sincerely hope the Legislature finds ways to improve the process but not in a way that slows or stymies the growth of this essential energy solution.

Thank you!

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