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Dear Chairman Stevens,

Renewable Energy Vermont appreciates your diligent work on H. 157. If it is helpful to you and the Committee, I am available to answer questions or be a source of information this morning as you deliberate further amendments.

Here is some background on current regulation of solar installers:

All grid-connected solar projects must obtain a CPG (permit) from the Public Utility Commission prior to beginning any construction activity. Several state agencies are involved in reviewing permit applications: Department of Public Service, ANR, Ag, Historical Preservation, and sometimes the Natural Resource Board. The interconnecting distribution utility must also sign off.

The Department of Public Service manages any consumer disputes. See <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/publications-resources/consumers>

Each company installing solar must also have licensed electricians on staff. There is an S-license required for solar panel interconnection by the Department of Public Safety, Fire Safety Division. <https://firesafety.vermont.gov/licensing/electrical>

REV supports the intent of H. 157, as it is good for Vermonters, customer protection as well as our climate commitments.

Best,
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