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To Chair James and the members of the House Energy & Digital Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing this letter asking for your committee to please consider adding language to S.50, an act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that qualify for expedited registration, that would restrict "Single Plant" rulings by the Public Utility Commission.

The existing single plant statute from 2009 unnecessarily precludes the siting of solar on many parcels ideally suited to host renewables such as disturbed areas like old gravel pits and brownfields and sites that currently have solar arrays.

Revising this statute will also allow towns the opportunity to more closely follow their town plans and therefore allow for better land use decisions. Smart Growth, like maximizing existing spaces, is better land use policy.

Thank you for all your work on this important committee.

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