



State of Vermont House of Representatives
House Committee on Energy & Digital Infrastructure
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Solar Installer Response to Act S.50

I hope you're all well. My name is Alexander Mintz and I'm the owner of Power Guru, a solar company located in Bennington, Vermont in continuous operation since 2007. We operate primarily in Southern Vermont and the large majority of our work is on residential solar and energy storage projects, with some commercial projects in the mix.

I'm writing today in support of Act S.50: an act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that qualify for expedited registration. First, I want to thank the committee for working to expedite the permitting process for ground mounts up to 25kW AC in size. This is a great step in helping Vermonters go solar at home as we work to meet the state's green energy goals and further the expansion of electrification in the fight against climate change.

After review, I'd like the committee to consider two suggestions regarding Act S.50:

In its current iteration, Act S.50 requires ground mount solar arrays to meet municipal setbacks. We currently adhere to all municipal setbacks as best we can, using data from the GIS parcel maps available. I'm sure other companies also do their best to abide by municipal setbacks. That said, I believe this new requirement will be a hindrance for Vermonters trying to go solar as it adds the time and expense of pursuing boundary surveys. We recommend the House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee remove the language from S.50 relating to this requirement.

Thank you again for your time and efforts, both now and in the future.

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