



Town Hall
8 Community Avenue
Plainfield, CT 06374

Telephone (860) 230-3001
Fax (860) 230-3033

THE PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL

PLAINFIELD - CENTRAL VILLAGE - MOOSUP - WAUREGAN

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of the Town of Plainfield, I am writing to express our support for the proposed Constitution Solar project, an approximately 20-megawatt solar farm developed by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources and located north of Black Hill Road at the end of Cornell Road in our town.

In 2016, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection selected Constitution Solar to provide solar energy to the state's residents and businesses and help Connecticut meet its renewable energy and carbon emission reduction goals. In addition to its environmental benefits, Constitution Solar will generate millions of dollars in property tax revenue for the Town of Plainfield over its operational lifetime.

The Constitution Solar team has worked side-by-side with town officials, residents and project neighbors dating back to early 2017. They have sought our feedback through presentations and discussions with town officials, hosting community public open houses, and direct outreach to project neighbors. The team has demonstrated its attention to detail and consideration for our questions and concerns, and we know that they will be a positive, long-term partner to Plainfield.

The project underscores the company's commitment to state and local requirements and sensitivities. Increased wetland and watercourse setbacks, additional designated protection areas for endangered species, and the preservation of cultural resources are among the most notable characteristics of the project. The project also adopts our property setback requirements, even when not required. We are confident that the Constitution Solar petition is thorough, well-balanced, and meets the needs of our community.

For these reasons, the Town of Plainfield supports the Constitution Solar project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Cunningham
First Selectman of Plainfield, Ct