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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

July 7, 2020

Jay M. Case, Representative  
State Rep. 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
Senator Kevin Witkos  
8<sup>th</sup> District  
General Assembly  
State Capitol  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591  
[Bobbie.Bergeron@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Bobbie.Bergeron@cga.ct.gov)

RE: **PETITION NO. 1407** - Torrington Solar One LLC and VCP, LLC d/b/a Verogy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.975-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on an approximately 66.4 acre parcel located generally south of East Pearl Road and east of Torrington Street (Route 183) in Torrington, Connecticut and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Representative Case and Senator Witkos:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated June 26, 2020 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-40, a copy of each petition is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors, to the petition and members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

This petition will be placed on a future Council Meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Your comments shall become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this matter on our website at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc) under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

*s/Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/MP/lm

c: Service List dated June 1, 2020  
Council Members



State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

June 26, 2020

The Connecticut Siting Council  
Attn: Lisa Fontaine  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Council Members:

We write to you to relay the concerns of the City of Torrington and neighboring property owners who are opposed to the recent petition number 1407 submitted by Verogy to install a solar array on East Pearl Road, Torrington, CT.

This property is productive farm land and has been leased out by the Catholic Cemeteries Association to local farmers for many years. We are disappointed that this may no longer be the case. At a time when we are losing more viable farmland year after year, it is our fear that this land will never be returned to its productive agricultural use if this project moves forward.

The need for clean energy options is real, however, we must also give credence to the impact projects like these have on neighboring properties. Many neighbors, as well as members of the Torrington City Council have expressed serious concern over the impact of this project and the impact this project would have on the wildlife of this wooded area of Torrington.

We are aware that the administration of the City of Torrington has discussed this project at length and has suggested possible alternative sites that may be better suited to this use. It is our sincere hope that the Council consider the public feedback that has been received from the many neighboring property owners when making your decision. We appreciate your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Representative Jay M. Case in black ink.

Representative Jay M. Case  
63<sup>rd</sup> District

Handwritten signature of State Senator Kevin Witkos in black ink.

State Senator Kevin Witkos  
8<sup>th</sup> District

Cc. The Hon. Mayor Elinor Carbone, City of Torrington