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May 28, 2021

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Re: Decision on Petition 1444 for Sunflower Solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities in North Branford CT (CP NB Solar I & II – 127 Forest Road)

Dear Attorney Bachman:

I write on behalf of the Town of North Branford ("Town") to urge the Connecticut Siting Council to make a decision on Citrine Power LLC's ("Citrine Power") petition for the installation of two solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities that would be situated on Forest Road in the Town of North Branford ("Petition"). We continue to collaborate with the Citrine Power team as they develop these facilities. We support their Petition, which was deemed complete by the Siting Council on March 15, 2021. We urge the Siting Council to consider this Petition at your next regularly scheduled meeting, specifically June 3, 2021.

The Town is proud to be associated with these facilities for several important reasons:

- The Town and our schools would benefit from the virtual net metering credits from the facilities.
- Page Farm would also benefit from the virtual net metering credits from the facilities. Page Farm is one of the oldest farms in Connecticut and is a resident of the Town.
- The lease revenue generated by the facilities would provide the landlord with funds to be allocated towards remediation efforts overseen by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for certain properties adjacent to the facilities and in and around Town.



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- The facilities would be a part of the Town's annual Sunflower Project, which would create a pollinator path around the facilities.
- The Town's schools would partner with Citrine Power to prepare an educational curriculum concerning solar renewable energy.

We are hopeful that the Siting Council will acknowledge these benefits of the facilities and their positive impact on the Town. The Town reiterates its support for renewable energy and hopes to host these solar facilities that would, if approved, contribute to the State's robust RPS standards.

We thank you in advance for considering an expeditious decision making process for this Petition. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Paulhus
Town Manager