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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 19, 2023

The Honorable Jaime S. Foster
State Representative – 57th Assembly District
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1558** – Community Power Group LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 24 Middle Road, Ellington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear State Representative Foster:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated May 18, 2023 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

At a public meeting held on March 16, 2023, the Council voted to hold a public hearing on the petition for the benefit of the public. The Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate. This schedule included a public hearing on May 18, 2023.

Before reaching a final decision on a petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list for the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the “Pending Matters” link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

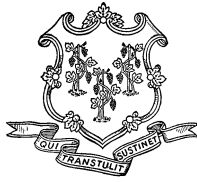
Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated January 31, 2023
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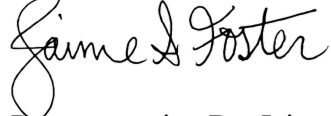
As the Representative for the 57th House District which includes Ellington and East Windsor, I would like to thank the CT Siting Council for the opportunity to provide public comment on Petition 1558 regarding the proposed solar construction in Ellington at 24 Middle Road. This site is the most recent in a trend of solar construction throughout my district on land previously designated for agricultural purposes. The completion of this site would bring the total amount of power generated across the district to over 150 MW with many projects in the pipeline. The 57th house district hosts a grossly disproportionate burden of the state's green energy goals and this has come at a large cost to prime and important farmland and abounded neighborhood nuisances.

In the past few months my inbox has been full of residents who have concerns about solar construction, the lion's share, neighbors to a nuisance project on the same road. Their issues are less with the transition to greener energy but with this process which discounts their input. These are friendly neighbors; some with significant, lasting noise complaints, long standing dead tree boundaries that they view as blight. Importantly, our community is forced to shoulder an excessive amount of solar in service of the state's green energy goals, creating a likely irreversible switch of prime and important farmland to energy generation or commercial purposes.

It would be irresponsible of the CT Siting Council to continue to site solar arrays in the 57th house district, particularly on the same road with active complaints on another solar array that has yet to find resolution.

The community has delivered resounding concerns and complaints, it's the responsibility of the CT Siting council to consider these complaints and reject this and any future solar projects in this community without its consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaime S. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Representative Dr. Jaime S. Foster

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