



TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

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Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: Petition 1572 East Windsor Solar 2, LLC

Dear Members of the Connecticut Siting Council,

Please enter this letter into public comment as an opposition to the construction of a solar development at 31 Thrall Road, East Windsor, CT.

East Windsor has ideal conditions for growing crops. Historically, most of the Town's acreage has been devoted to farming. Pressure from increasing population has diminished the amount of land available for the growing of crops.

The Agricultural Commission of East Windsor feels that further development of solar fields beyond the projects already approved hurts the Town's agricultural viability by taking away productive land that contains prime and important soil.

Plans integrating the realistic integration of the dual use of agriculture and solar developments have not been presented. There may be ways to accomplish a viable and sustainable solution, but the current model only demonstrates the maximization of solar coverage. In order to make a fair assessment of the project that is being petitioned, reasonable alternatives should be included in the options.

Please take these concerns into consideration when determining this decision that will have a negative impact on our farming town. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman
Town of East Windsor

Albert Grant
Chairman
East Windsor Agricultural Commission