

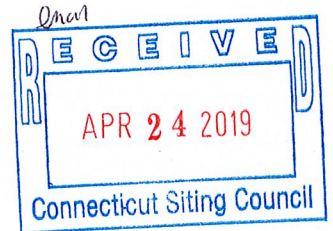


TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Catherine Iino, *First Selectwoman*

23 April 2019

Mr. Robert Stein
Chairman
The Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



RE: Petition #1354, Chatfield Solar

Dear Chairman Stein:

I would like to add a comment to the record regarding Chatfield Solar, LL.C.'s petition for a declaratory ruling allowing it to proceed with development of a solar farm in Killingworth.

I have stressed the importance of Killingworth's natural resources, particularly its water, and the necessity of environmental protections in the project. I would like to add that this concern extends to the long term. Early in the review process, I understood that a substantial bond would be required to ensure the proper decommissioning of the installation when the time comes. Recently, I learned that this might not be the case.

If the Siting Council rules that this project may go forward, please include provisions to ensure that the site will not be abandoned once the photovoltaic panels are no longer economically viable. I don't know what means you have to ensure that installations such as the one proposed will not become a liability to the town, but Killingworth should not be left with the burden of cleaning up an abandoned site.

Sincerely,

Catherine Iino