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Melanie Bachman, Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Ms. Bachman,

I have had the pleasure of meeting with the former Ranger Solar team, now NextEra Energy Resources, to learn more about the proposed Quinebaug Solar Energy Center, an up to 50 MegaWatt Solar Project to be developed in the Towns of Brooklyn and Canterbury, Connecticut.

NextEra Energy Resources thoroughly briefed me on the project and addressed my questions during the meeting. The company is committed to bring new investment and low-cost, clean energy to the region and beyond, which I support.

The development teams at both Ranger Solar and NextEra Energy Resources have worked closely with the communities of Brooklyn and Canterbury, and direct neighbors of the project, to ensure the Quinebaug Solar Energy Center is one of the very best-sited solar projects in Connecticut.

NextEra Energy Resources is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and the sun. This gives me confidence, knowing we're working with a company that knows the industry and has proven it can develop, build and operate successful solar projects to benefit communities.

If the project is approved, it will deliver significant tax revenue to the two towns, create both short and long term jobs, and will not require any public infrastructure, or additional services from the local communities. The project will also significantly contribute to Connecticut's clean energy future, which is something we can all value.

For these reasons, I fully support the Quinebaug Solar Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Roy A. Piper, First Selectman Town of Canterbury, CT