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Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director
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RE: Solar Array Project for Durham Manufacturing

Attention: Melanie Bachman

I had the pleasure of attending the informational session organized by The Durham Manufacturing Company to explain their plans to install a solar energy array on their property on Maiden Lane. John Gowac, Sr. VP Administrator/Treasurer/CFO and his team of professional consultants were knowledgeable, open and responsive to questions and concerns. The session was very informative and it was obvious that this is a well thought out and professionally designed project.

Regional School District 13 has been a neighbor of The Durham Manufacturing Company for many years and I personally have had the pleasure of working with the company on various projects over the past 20 years. They have always been a good neighbor! In our many dealings they have always been understanding, thoughtful, generous and willing to cooperate to achieve a mutually advantageous result. They recently worked with us to improve the aesthetics of our border, with plantings and a security fence to improve safety, all on their own initiative.

Regional School District 13 has two solar photovoltaic installations at the John Lyman School and Memorial School in Middlefield and we are currently exploring the potential for an additional project at Brewster School in Durham. The District is supportive of utilizing reusable energy sources for economic as well as environmental concerns.

The Durham Manufacturing Company has had a presence in this town for generations and has been a model of a good corporate citizen. Their desire to complete this exciting energy project is a further display of their continued commitment to remain in this community for years to come. During these difficult economic times this type of responsive corporate leadership and commitment to the local community is vital to the future of small towns in this state.

On behalf of Regional School District 13, I want to offer our full support for approval of this exciting solar energy project!

Sincerely,



Robert Francis
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

cc: John Gowac, Durham Manufacturing Company