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Dear EFSB:

Thank you for engaging the public on an issue that affects us in many ways.

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I strongly urge you to implement clear safeguards into any energy policy that prevent "big money" (i.e., corporations with budgets to sue) from bullying our towns into ecologically unsound solar projects. We need solar but we need forests, too. The science has not been heeded well here nor has the value of natural beauty been fully considered. Like Rachel Carson, "I believe that natural beauty has a necessary place in the development of any individual or any society" (1952). There are alternatives including an ungodly number of parking lots and similar open commercially-zoned sites that could be used for solar farms throughout the Commonwealth. Is it more expensive than clear cutting? Only to the shortsighted. The public, including municipal governments, should be included and have a voice in the permitting and siting process of potential industrial solar and battery storage projects.

Sincerely,

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