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I and most residents of Shutesbury, a rural community, are truly in favor of development of solar energy in our area. But in favor of expanded development only after a heavy "upfront" analysis of such development's effects on our environment and the livability of our community. We know compromises will have to be made, but not in contravention of our town's environment standards. Our community leadership must have all the relevant data before any licensing is granted and be able to communicate that data to their residents. Our local community wants a final say in how this resource is constructed within the boundaries of our town. No backroom deals, no so-called experts overruling our residents. Over 90% of our town's land mass is covered in vegetation, mostly trees. We like it like that. We moved here for that. We stayed here for that. We understand there must be some changes, but we want to control those changes. It should be our decision, not anyone else's, where and how this solar development is incorporated in our town.

My comments may be shared as needed.

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