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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to constituents' input on siting for new solar projects. I am a resident of East Longmeadow, and a farmer. I do not believe it is appropriate for solar developers to buy "easy, cheap" wooded land, cut down all the trees, and put up solar. I believe these developers should be guided and encouraged by the state to more appropriate sites, such as brownfields, rooftops, pavement islands, and degraded land.

We have a large brownfield vacant industrial property here in East Longmeadow (330 Chestnut Street, formerly Package Machinery) that is an example of what I think is a very appropriate site. It has been quiet and vacant for so long that the town has shown resistance to busy redevelopment plans (such as a shipping warehouse). However, I believe a more passive redevelopment, such as a solar array, could give blighted spots like these new life.

I know the cleanup and remediation of these industrial sites can be deal breakers, but if the state could somehow assist or incentivize developers to use brownfields, it could save our forests.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kerisa Fitzgerald

