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To the Siting Board,

I am writing to provide input regarding the siting of clean energy facilities.

It would be highly inappropriate to use any undisturbed land for solar siting. It is essential that we do not lose any of our forested lands to solar. It is totally unnecessary given that studies tell us that we can meet our solar needs without disturbing forests. It is essential that the Board recognize the importance of forests if we are to survive on this planet.

Battery storage facilities should only be built on the disturbed environment. They should not be built near waterways, in forests or farmlands. Battery storage is a serious safety risk and there should be no sacrifice zones.

I also want to say it appears to me that the cart has been put before the horse here. We must decrease our energy use, not continue to act as if we can continue to consume energy as we choose. The state has shown no effort to acknowledge the need to consume less nor provide any significant plans or guidance in this direction, only plans for large corporations to make huge sums of money from systems that are not in our best interest.

Small local energy facilities are most appropriate for health and safety and do not waste as much energy as large facilities transporting and losing energy from a distance.

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