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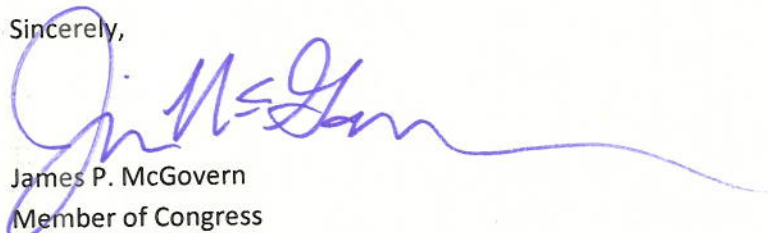
To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for modifications to the draft changes to 225 CMR 14.00 suggested by St. Joseph's Abbey of Spencer, MA.

The solar project St. Joseph's is proposing would be a model project for our Commonwealth. But, under the Commonwealth's proposed rules, St. Joseph's Abbey and other non-profits would be grouped in the category of "managed growth", putting them in competition with commercial solar initiatives.

As a Commonwealth, we have and should continue to lead the way on implementation of renewable energy. Treating non-profits as other encouraged entities would further development by reducing uncertainty so they can better address their unique financing hurdles. I urge that you give St. Joseph's suggestions for 225 CMR 14.00 fair and full consideration.

Sincerely,



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