



Dear DOER,

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As small business owners we are concerned about proposals to "manage" the growth of utility-scale and community solar PV projects in Massachusetts. We are also concerned that the net metering caps are not being raised quickly enough.

With this week's announcement by the operators of the Brayton Point coal-fired power plant that they are definitely shutting down by June 2017, the shutting down of the Salem Harbor coal-fired power plant, and other expected coal and nuclear power plant closings in New England, now is not the time to limit the growth of solar PV installations in Massachusetts!

As required by the Global Warming Solutions Act, we need to reduce our GHG emissions 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050. As dictated by the science, including the most recent reports from the IPCC, we need to aim for exceeding those goals both in time and in scope. Rapid adoption of solar PV is one of the fastest and most popular means to help us achieve these goals.

We are aware of and understand the opposition from utilities to faster adoption of large-scale solar PV. However, the public interest of the citizens and the laws of the Commonwealth require that those concerns be addressed in ways other than limiting solar PV installations. Time is of the essence. We cannot afford any further delays in replacing dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure with sustainable renewable energy sources like solar PV, solar thermal, energy efficiency and wind.

Sincerely,

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