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To Whom it may concern,

Stop the solar madness!

We in Central Massachusetts are drowning in solar projects, with no ending sight, In the name of "green energy" over four hundred acres of forested land has been clear cut in the small Massachusetts town of Warren we are losing so much, our forest, scenic vistas and wildlife habitat which will be lost forever to solar facilities not to mention the human toll. Many in this small town rely on private wells and septic systems. Property owners abutting these solar facilities have had their shallow wells compromised , septic systems effected and run off and overflows negatively impacting their property values. This does not take into account the unknown health effects of living in close proximity of large scale solar facilities. Solar projects do not belong in neighborhoods, they need to be located responsibly on roof tops, brownfields, and old industrial sites. Putting these solar fields in forest and and farm lands is like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole a bad fit and all wrong. The monies from the Smart Program have had many unintended and unforeseen consequences and we out here in Central Massachusetts are paying the ultimate price. The small rural town of Warren already has eighteen solar fields, either currently built or in the the process. When is enough enough?

As Massachusetts Tree Farmer of the Year in 1997, I am appalled that the state is promoting such mass tree cutting and deforestation all in the name of "green energy"; We in the forestry community know it is never an acceptable land management practice to clear cut forest land, when are the politicians in Boston going to wake up and realize this. Act now change your policies and put an end to this madness before it is too late.

Kind regards,

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