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I am writing regarding the state solar incentive program, SMART. I am a resident of Wendell, MA and have lived here for over 44 years. I cherish the forest, the wildlife and the quiet beauty of this little town. Now, like other small towns, we are being targeted for large solar projects. Presently there is a proposal being considered for a 13 acre solar array in our town. I am opposed to this project and any other project involving deforestation.

The very idea of cutting down forested areas to install a solar array is ludicrous. As you know, as trees grow they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil and releasing oxygen into the air. Cutting trees down releases the stored carbon into the air as carbon dioxide contributing to global warming. There are plenty of open spaces including flat top buildings like big box stores, parking lots, open fields that can accommodate these solar arrays. Please do not sacrifice our forests for solar projects. Not only does cutting down acre upon acre of forest contribute to global warming it disturbs the wildlife in the area. It is a very bad idea.

I strongly urge you to stop these proposals involving cutting down trees for solar. It doesn't make any sense to destroy something that is helping stop climate change (trees) to put up solar panels. There are plenty of other spaces to consider for the solar arrays and destroying our forests is not only irresponsible but it is just plain foolish.

Sincerely,

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