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To Whom It May Concern,

Though I think solar power is very important for our future as a society, I also believe that solar farms should be constructed in places that already have a physical footprint in an already-developed area. It is my understanding that many potential solar farms in Massachusetts are targeting rural green spaces for development. I would hope that it goes without saying that we need to preserve our green spaces regardless of how important the need for clear and efficient energy. These solar farms can be built in a myriad of other places in Massachusetts without the loss of habitats and green spaces.

I consistently drive by multiple locales with empty buildings, vacant sections of industrial areas or unused or abandoned developed land that could easily serve as locations for solar panels and solar farms. Since those spaces are there already and not in use it's only logical to put solar farms there. It is my understanding that in Wendell, MA (a place I visit often) a company is planning to take a beautiful green space, cut down A LOT of trees and basically devastate a forest area all for the sake of solar panels (a for-profit company I might add, with the help MY TAX MONEY).

Please reconsider this policy and take solar farm proposals away from beautiful idyllic towns like Wendell with beautiful green space and put them in places where a footprint already exists. Let's conserve the green spaces in Massachusetts that we have left.

Thank you for your consideration.

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