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Hello,

I am writing to urge the DOER to give strong consideration to comments provided by Zara Dowling on the 400MW SMART program review. Zara is highly authoritative on the subject of solar impact on land use, having lectured extensively about it around the state. All of Zara's comments/suggestions that she submitted on the 400MW SMART program review ring true to me and I believe deserve strong consideration. (For convenience, Zara's comments are attached.)

The only issue I have with Zara's comments is that by advocating for the DOER to slow down and develop a long-term planning approach - a suggestion I firmly support in general -- we would extend the drought of new large PV system development on both preferred sites (e.g canopies, brownfields, landfills) and problematic sites (e.g., forested lands). Alternatively, I suggest that the DOER move forward with filing emergency regulations that *only include incentives for preferred sites and would remove all SMART incentives for large arrays proposed on problematic sites* (e.g., greenfields) until a long-term planning process with robust stakeholder input has been completed.

Thank you,
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