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The current incentives are for large scale solar projects funding corporate mega corporations. This incentive is wrong. It should incentivize local MA based small companies. The incentive requires the cheapest rates, ie \$2 to develop forest land, \$7 to develop rooftop. This requires clear cutting forest land instead of using brown fields and other already compromised sites. That \$2 figure does not take into account the cost to the Commonwealth in lost soil integrity, forest carbon sequestration, local impact of fire response, forest value in filtering and holding ground water for wells, chemical treatments that impact homeowner wells and the cost of remediating damage caused by run off in the forests. It seems to allow building without regard to town bylaws. It allows large corporations to ignore obvious damage to wetlands, ie the Shutesbury PURESKEY projects are all located on streams. It doesn't account for construction damage to gravel roads in small towns. We need incentives that treat small development on less sensitive sites than forests. APR land is not allowed to have solar other than small use only so agri-solar could be improved if the Commonwealth considers incentives to farmers with APRs to build arrays.