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Good day,

I serve on the Conway, Massachusetts Energy Committee working to lower the town's energy footprint and increase our sustainability. Our committee disagrees with your premise that; "Market risk and uncertainty has resulted in higher incentives than necessary" but conversely, feel that these changes will halt the encouraging growth that has been seen in Solar PV over the last few years.

Our town is currently considering a 250 kW solar farm to offset the electricity charges generated by the town municipal buildings and the local grammar school. We were planning to take direct ownership on this project and the first proposal we saw two weeks ago was so attractive that members of the Planning Board, Finance Committee and Select Board encouraged the direct ownership model rather than a PPA which most towns have done. This proposal showed the town being net cash positive for all but 2 years (years 9 and 10).

This week, we saw a revised proposal and were shocked at the changes. It went from two years in the red to twelve years running red ink. As you can imagine, we are still reeling from the changes. We are not sure if we can go forward with this program as either a direct purchase or PPA.

We understand the intent of the new regulations; however we feel that it is Draconian and too abrupt. It will discourage continued growth of solar PV at the residential and municipal levels. Our recommendation is to keep the existing program in order to foster increased conversion to Solar PV installations.

The current proposal will stop this growth.

Respectfully yours,
Brice Hereford