

Ms. Kaitlin Kelly
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May 23, 2016

Dear Ms. Kelly,

Please accept these additional comments regarding **225 CMR 14. RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD - CLASS I REGULATIONS** as they pertain to **Solar Carve-Out II emergency regulations**. I submit these comments as a resident of the town of Shutesbury, MA

The following testimony is intended to prevent the disturbance and possible desecration of Native American spiritual and religious sites by the development of large scale commercial solar installations. Such a project is underway in my town of Shutesbury. Sadly local and state zoning to not prohibit such development on lands that have spiritual and cultural significance and that may, in fact, be burial sites for Native American individuals.

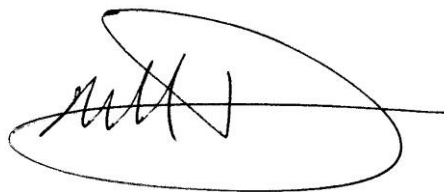
While there are clear protections for federally funded projects, there are no protections in Massachusetts for developments on private land. However, I believe it should be the intent of the Commonwealth to embrace the very clear guidance of the federal government (commonly known as Section 106) when it comes to protection of sacred Native lands.

Given this, I would ask that Section D. regarding SREC II, which defines the Managed Growth Market Sector, be changed to codify DOER protection of Native cultural landscapes. In particular, I would ask that DOER add a specific prohibition as follows:

“Generation units sited on parcels with known or suspected Native American landscapes, as identified by state or federally recognized tribes, are prohibited from receiving SREC II credits.”

Thank you for your consideration of these changes. I can be reached at mdechiara@gmail.com or home phone 413-259-1059. My residence is 56 Pratt Corner Road, Shutesbury, MA 01072.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael DeChiara', enclosed within a large, loopy oval stroke.

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