

Ms. Kaitlin Kelly  
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Dear Ms. Kelly,

I am writing to comment on 225 CMR 14. RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD - CLASS I REGULATIONS as they pertain to Solar Carve-Out II emergency regulations.

I live in Shutesbury, MA (01072) at 140 Leonard Road. I have become concerned with the laws regulating solar development in Massachusetts due to the fact that a commercial company is attempting to build a 30 acre, ground-mounted solar installation in our town. My objection to the project is founded on the fact that the proposed solar installation is planned to be built on land that is densely forested and is likely sacred to Native American people. On principal, I believe that no solar panel installations should be built on land like this. Forests are key to carbon sequestration and oxygen production, so it seems bizarre that we would sacrifice them for solar panel installations. And Sacred Native American land should be honored as such. I am in touch with many other people in the town of Shutesbury - some of whom have Native American ancestry - who share this opinion.

I am aware that my neighbor, Michael DeChiara, has also sent you some letters. I am in agreement with the details he includes in these which further illustrate my and his perspective and suggest the needed changes.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at [marinawangh@gmail.com](mailto:marinawangh@gmail.com) or home phone 413-256-2178. My residence is 140 Leonard Road, Shutesbury, MA 01072.

Sincerely,  
Marina Gurman