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By E-mail

Mr. Robert Fennessy  
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**Subject: Opposition to April 12, 2022, Town Meeting Articles for solar, battery storage moratoriums**

Mr. Fennessy:

On behalf of RENEW Northeast (RENEW), I write to urge the citizens of Carver to reject Articles at the April 12, 2022, Town Meeting, that would impose a moratorium on the development of solar energy and energy storage facilities.

RENEW is an association uniting environmental advocates and scientists and developers and operators of the region's largest clean energy projects, which include small hydropower, offshore wind, land-based wind, solar, transmission, and energy storage. RENEW's mission involves coordinating the ideas and resources of its members with the goal of increasing environmentally sustainable energy generation in New England from the region's abundant renewable energy resources.

Massachusetts has an immediate need for responsible solar and battery energy storage development, in addition to conservation, efficiency and other renewable energy technologies, to meet our environmental and economic development goals. To help achieve these goals, a solar or battery energy project should not face local moratoriums that will unnecessarily impose considerable uncertainty and lengthy delays on projects. The added costs and risks could needlessly increase Massachusetts' electric rates; jeopardize stable and predictable increases in municipal tax revenue; weaken alternative revenue streams and property rights for landowners; and negatively affect the Commonwealth's ability to meet its economic development and environmental goals.

RENEW recognizes that appropriately sited energy facilities are equally as important to protecting our environment and for our general health. My organization supports responsible development of clean energy resources. We believe that clean energy projects can be appropriately reviewed under the current state permitting and local zoning processes without delay. Thank you for your attention to RENEW's concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francis E. Pullaro".

Francis Pullaro  
Executive Director