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Comments to The Senate and House Natural Resources and Energy Committees pertaining to Renewable Energy Siting.

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Dear Members, I will keep this short: We have zoning regulations, anti-bill board laws and the like to control and regulate the unfettered forces of commerce (which, let's be realistic and agree, that is what we are talking about when we refer to these large solar installations). We need commerce to survive, but the thought that you can build "Whatever you want, wherever you want" has never been true. The thought that "It is my land and I can do whatever I want with it" has never been true. We have rules to control development so that people's lives and property are not diminished. We separate uses to protect our communities and its citizens. This is no different. We can argue that commercial uses to varying degrees contribute to the betterment of society and we do not let them build where we are letting these solar sites are going in.

I know the administration has declared their intentions and it is going to be difficult for individual member's to defy that, but I am sure you have felt the pressure building and I can only assume it is going to continue to do so. Perhaps there are a few brave souls willing to get out in front on this. Thank you for the time.

Best, Ron.