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March 7, 2016

Governor Charlie Baker
Massachusetts State House
Office of the Governor
Room 280
Boston MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

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The success of these programs has created a crisis that may hurt the Town of Wayland. The SREC incentive is no longer available for any new non-residential scale project anywhere in the state. One of Wayland's four municipal solar projects, worth over \$20,000 in annual utility savings and property tax payments and potentially over \$500,000 over the next 20 years, may not be able to go forward due to the SREC incentive cap having been reached.

This will not just be Wayland's loss. All non-residential projects in the state not already qualified for the SREC incentive are stalled. Towns, houses of worship, non-profits, low-

income building authorities, private employers, and ratepayers in community solar projects everywhere are affected. Existing trades jobs are in jeopardy, and investment dollars that otherwise would flow into the state are going elsewhere.

We ask your assistance and support for two immediate actions:


1. Implementation by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) of an immediate emergency increase to the SREC incentive program, and a speeding of development of a successor SREC incentive program;
2. Encouraging the legislature to pass an omnibus energy bill to require development of a balanced plan for future solar incentives that enables the Town of Wayland, its residents, and others throughout the Commonwealth to lower their energy costs through solar deployment, while lowering the costs for ratepayers.

Please let us know your positions on these issues, and if Wayland can offer any assistance in your efforts on our behalf.

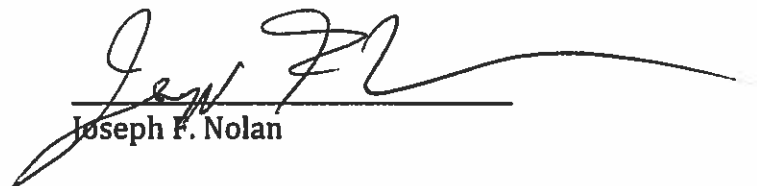
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Judith Judson, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Judson:

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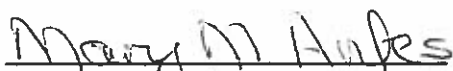
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Secretary Matthew A. Beaton
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston MA 02114

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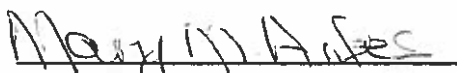
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Senator Richard Ross
State House
Room 419
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1. Passing parallel House and Senate legislation to raise the net metering cap;
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Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch
State House
Room 473G
Boston MA 02133

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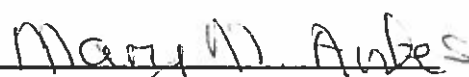
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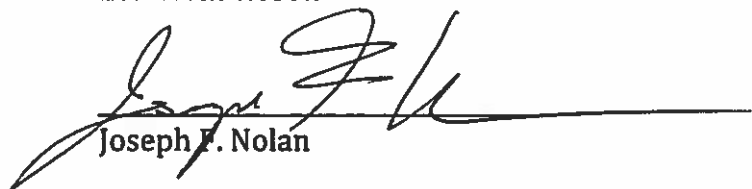
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Representative Carmine Gentile
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Room 39
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