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Energy Committee
Town of Strafford, VT
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Strafford Energy Committee Support for Elizabeth Mine Solar Energy Project

We, the members of the Strafford Energy Committee, wish to affirm our strong support for the solar energy project proposed for the now reclaimed Elizabeth Mine site, which is located partly in Strafford. When completed at 4.99 megawatts, this renewable energy project will be one of the largest in the state.

Several considerations inform our positive stance regarding this project:

- Both the Strafford Town Plan and Vermont State energy policy and laws emphasize the need to shift to renewable energy. The Elizabeth Mine project would contribute importantly to these goals.
- The proposal presents a wonderful opportunity to use the Elizabeth Mine site in a way that will be economically productive, historically significant, scientifically interesting and educational, and environmentally beneficial.
- The project would not undermine or adversely impact any of the Elizabeth Mine remediation goals.
- The project would be financed independently, not relying on town resources, and would provide Strafford with increased tax revenues.

For all these reasons and others, we enthusiastically support the Elizabeth Mine solarization proposal and project.

Respectfully submitted,

Strafford Energy Committee