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Dear Members of the Durham Planning Board,

We, as residents of Durham, NH, feel that the Solar Energy Systems – Proposed Zoning Amendment, when concerning residential solar installations, should not be restricted for aesthetic reasons as has been requested by other stakeholders.

Solar energy systems are an important means to increase our local and state energy independence, improve air quality by reducing the burning of fuels to produce heat and electricity, and reducing the causes of climate change. As Durham has a long history of protecting its natural resources, and is in fact almost entirely powered by rooftop and ground mounted solar energy systems, the final version of the zoning amendment should protect properties owners' right to install solar on their own site or allow larger systems to be installed, allowing multiple businesses and homeowners to benefit from the energy production (i.e., group net-metering). To this end, the final language of the amendment should allow solar to be placed where systems are best able to capture the sun's energy given the conditions of the site and buildings, and not simply sited where they will be least visible on the landscape.

We understand that the addition of solar to the landscape will be a change to the traditional appearance of Durham, but we also recognize that the utilization of this technology is critical to protect human and environmental health going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

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