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**Statement to Solar Siting Task Force:**

From our members' point of view, there is not a balance today between the public good that is energy production and the public good that is represented by land use and other priorities on the local level. The land conservation measures in municipal plans, and recommendations of municipal planning commissions and selectboards are given "due consideration" according to Section 248 that governs the Public Service Board Certificate of Public Good permit process. What we hear from our members is that "due consideration" is really no consideration. There must be a balance re-established between achieving the goal of 90% renewable energy by 2050 and the many other land use goals that the state, regions, cities and towns with volunteer commissions have worked for decades to achieve.

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