

Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Sara Jo Meadows  
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Chancellor District

December 11, 2018

Dear Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the sPower Special Use Application. As a resident of Spotsylvania for the past 35 years, I am sending this to you because **I believe in you** and trust you to do the right thing for Spotsylvania County.

As I look back over the history of Spotsylvania development, I am reminded of another instance where a fierce campaign was organized to block another company from operating and doing business in our county. There were protestors, media blitzes, signs along all the local highways, and untold letters to the editor. It was a campaign of fear, based on speculation, half-truths, and misunderstandings. You, however, did not succumb to the harassment and pressure of the public when making your decision to allow this company to do business in our county. That company was Luck Stone. We were told by protestors that people would not be able to breathe because of the dust created at the quarry, property values would be dramatically diminished, houses would crumble due to the constant blasting and young drivers would be killed by the excessive traffic and large trucks going in and out of the quarry. Today, approximately 15 years since Luck Stone was approved to do business here, within a 3 mile radius there are 3 schools, large developments at Lee's Parke that continue to expand at almost alarming rates and an assisted care Senior Living facility. There is a new housing development, Courtland Park, that butts directly against the quarry and the houses are selling faster than they can be built. Of even more importance to our community, is the fact Lidl has built one of the largest commercial distribution centers on the East Coast adjacent to the quarry, providing jobs, income, and economic growth to our county. A welcoming environment in our county for industrial and commercial development promotes more industrial and commercial development.

I do not intend to imply that living next to a solar farm would in any way be like living next to a quarry. Quite the contrary! There could not be a better neighbor than a solar

farm, requiring no schools, roads, or infrastructure. It is quiet, will be well screened, and preserves the rural nature of our land while supporting the economic development goals of our county. I am merely pointing out the similarity of organized, public sentiment promoting fear and distrust with the objective of preventing the economic growth of "our little county". Spotsylvania is the perfect place for a solar farm to be developed. Spotsylvania has the opportunity to lead the way in embracing, supporting, and providing for the future electrical need of our state and our country. I trust you, our Planning Department, Planning Commissioners, and Board of Supervisors, to do the right thing for Spotsylvania County. Vote "yes" to approve the Special Use Permit for sPower.

Sincerely,

Sara Jo Meadows

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12/19/18

Dear Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors,

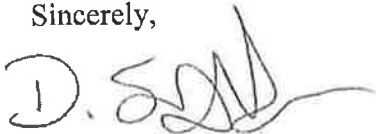
As a resident of Spotsylvania who has lived here for 7 years, I am writing to express my support for the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project will be beneficial for Spotsylvania, aligns with the county's long-term economic development goals, and brings needed renewable energy to Virginia.

The project will provide many benefits to the county to include but not limited to creating good high-paying jobs and generating new tax revenue. sPower will assist with substantial improvements to the local water and transportation system. The company also plans to install \$1 million worth of solar panels on county schools and buildings, greatly reducing Spotsylvania County power bills each year. The company has already provided scholarships to Spotsylvania high school students and continues to support our first responders. With two children in the public school system and as a first responder myself, I appreciate and applaud the efforts by sPower to be involved in our community.

sPower has proven they will be a good steward of our land. They have gone above and beyond to ensure the environment is protected, worked with the locality and state agencies to build larger than required buffers with native plants and trees to screen the solar panels from view, and ensured they will be diligent about water usage and provide enhanced erosion control measures. This is the type of corporate neighbor and development we want in Spotsylvania.

This is a good economic development project for Spotsylvania. That is why I encourage the Board of Supervisors to support the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,



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12/13/18

Dear Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Spotsylvania who has lived here for 19 years, I am writing to express my support for the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project will be beneficial for Spotsylvania, aligns with the county's long-term economic development goals, and brings needed renewable energy to Virginia.

This project will create good, high-paying jobs for residents and generate new tax revenue for the county. The \$615 million investment will create over 700 construction jobs and 25 permanent jobs. These construction jobs will provide generous wages to local workers and bring millions in revenue to local restaurants, hotels and other service businesses in the area.

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Sincerely,

Matthew Wiseman

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12/5/2018

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