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**Subject:** Support for the Solar Power Project

Janice H Meadows

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Livingston District

December 19, 2018

Dear Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Spotsylvania who has lived here for 8.5 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 very first impression I had of this project was that this remote forestland was an exceptionally good location for a solar farm, and I still feel that way. It will be barely visible, if at all, from Orange Plank and Catharpin Roads. Critics complain of ruined views and damaged vistas, but you will have to go up in a plane to see any vista ruined by panels. sPower has proven to me that it will be a good steward of our land. sPower has gone above and beyond to ensure the environment is protected, and 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. When looking at a map of the location of the panels, I see streams crossing and dividing the whole project. This amounts to many acres of land that must be preserved as wetlands. I am not worried about the cadmium telluride in the panels, or that we will run out of water, or that there will be mudslides during construction. I suspect that a solar farm uses less water than a golf course. sPower is the type of corporate neighbor and development we want in Spotsylvania.

I believe this project will create good jobs for residents and generate new tax revenue for the county. sPower estimates 25 permanent jobs. There will be around 700 construction jobs that will provide generous wages to local workers and bring millions in revenue to local restaurants, hotels and other service businesses in the area.

The project will provide many benefits to the county. 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.

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,

Janice Meadows

James Pattee  
6317 Stubbs Cove Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am an electrician in Spotsylvania County, and my partners and I have been very interested to learn about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. In fact, one of my partners lives right up the street from the proposed location. After learning about the project, I am in favor of it moving forward. It's good for our county and good for our schools. There's no downside, so I want to encourage you and your colleagues to vote in favor of it.

I am in the electrical construction business, and I've been an electrician for 40 years now. I believe we have had a shortage of PV within the state of Virginia, and I'm not aware of any other projects within Spotsylvania County that address that. I value what it takes to generate electricity, and I appreciate the fact that distribution that is close to the sources, rather than trying to ship it across from different states, results in less energy loss and more efficiency. Energy consumption is not going down. With the amount of data centers being built in Virginia, there's a huge increase in demand, especially in our area. We need something like the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center close to our load to be efficient.

The area where the project would be located is quite rural, it's basically farmland now, so it's a good opportunity to increase the tax base. Spotsylvania County has one of the highest tax brackets in Virginia. My property taxes are higher here than they were in Prince William County, where I used to live. Anything that helps reduce the burden for individuals is good. The additional tax revenue generated would also help our schools, and anything that helps the schools helps our community. Plus, it's going to create 25-30 permanent jobs, which is an additional benefit to our area.

Innovations in solar energy are just beginning. We've had a lot of improvements in efficiency and cost over the last few years, and there are a lot more to come. Future phases of this project would likely produce more energy at a lower cost as time goes on. There's nothing negative that I can find about this project at all, especially in comparison to urban sprawl and the pollution that comes with other kinds of development. I'm not aware of any pollution that comes from solar panels. The cadmium within them is encapsulated. The units don't leak, and they're not liquid-filled. There's nothing detrimental to the environment.

If I lived close to the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, I would welcome it near me because there is still going to be a natural setting all around the solar fields. I am a Republican, and I'm in favor of keeping our energy at home. As an electrician, I appreciate the need to develop renewable energy, and this is something we need to get on board with. I urge you to vote in favor of this project so that development can begin.

Sincerely,

James Pattee

**6901 Countryside Lane • Spotsylvania • VA • 22551**

December 23, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am a Republican who votes in every election. I've always been a fan of green energy, and I would like to see it progress further so that we don't have to rely on coal and harm the earth. The proposed sPower Solar Energy Center will provide renewable energy, revenue, jobs, and help out our county in general. That's why I want to encourage you to vote in favor of this project.

The way I see it, we've already got solar energy, so we might as well use it! By pursuing more renewable energy, we won't have to drill big holes and take things away from the earth. Developing renewables will also help to reduce our dependence on foreign energy. It costs more when we rely on other countries, and we are the ones who pay. The only people getting rich are the ones selling it!

The Energy Center will bring further economic benefits. It will create a regular, substantial revenue that will stay right here in our county and help to fund critical local services. I hope that the extra income will also help to take some of the pressure off of taxpayers like myself. It's good news that the Center will bring employment opportunities because there are a lot of people who need jobs here.

I previously lived in Southwest Kansas, where there are a lot of wind generators. After living in Spotsylvania County for nearly decade, I'm glad that we've decided that solar energy will work here. Let's do this!

Sincerely,

Sharon Purdy

**Archie Crawford**  
5311 Whelan Way  
Partlow, VA 22534

December 22, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I've been in Spotsylvania since 1999 and I've seen the county go through many changes in the last 20 years. The county is growing at such a rapid pace that we have to find new and better ways to deliver energy. Solar energy is the future for renewable energy generation, and sPower is going to get us there. They are ready for the development phase of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, and they need the Board of Supervisors to support moving the project forward. I'm asking you to throw your support behind sPower and solar energy by voting for the project.

This project has the potential to generate millions in funds to the state which can offset my tax dollars. It is important that we pursue initiatives that will generate additional revenue for public services. The Solar Center will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in property tax revenue, which could mean lower taxes for homeowners. The tax relief will allow me and fellow constituents to spend more money on our families and with local businesses.

I'm 86 years old, in good health, and I'm financially sound. Solar energy is good for the health of our environment, and sPower's Solar Energy Center will help the county become financially sound. I retired after 25 years as a mechanic at the post office, but if I was still in the job market, I would jump for joy at 700 jobs being created in this area. It will be good to see more people going to work and building infrastructure that will benefit the state for decades to come. This kind of job creation attracts new residents, tax dollars and investments to our county.

Solar energy is a safe alternative that we don't have to worry about blowing up on us. It will generate and provide more energy to more people. More means more. Think about this county 10 years from now and where we want it to be. We want to be on the right side of history, generating clean energy, creating jobs, and saving the environment. Get on board with this project and vote yes to the sPower Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Archie Crawford

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am a retired engineer who votes in every election. I believe we need to move forward when it comes to our energy sources. We can't keep relying on fossil fuels; to do so would be a mistake. Instead, we have to embrace alternative energy resources. One way for us to accomplish that is to bring the sPower Solar Energy Center Project to Spotsylvania.

In addition to allowing us to develop alternative energy resources, this project will bring economic benefits such as employment and increased revenue. I am all for the new jobs.

It is also a positive thing that the additional revenue could be used for local services. I feel it's important to ensure these funds are used to improve our schools. Improving the roads is very important as well. The new revenue could ultimately reduce our tax burden; anything that would decrease our property taxes would be helpful.

The benefits of using clean resources as well as creating funding for roads and education are three big advantages that this project could bring to our area. Please allow us the opportunity to glean these benefits by voting the sPower Solar Energy Center Project forward.

Sincerely,

Corrine Hardison

Debbie Arnold  
2300 Partlow Road  
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December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

When I heard that the construction of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will bring hundreds of jobs, I thought that was excellent news. A lot of people are out of work around here and can't find jobs. I'm also happy to find out that the Center will generate a lot of revenue for our local services. Given its benefits, I urge you to help get this project going.

I think it's great that the Center will help everyone by generating money for schools and local services. The schools really need the money, as they put a lot of expenses on parents these days. However, parents don't have the income to meet those expenses. Plus, it will put more money in the police and fire departments. That's a good thing considering that they both help a lot of people in many ways.

This is a serious issue that deserves your attention. When you and your colleagues give the project its due consideration, I'm sure you'll know the right choice is to move forward. I've lived in Virginia since 1971 and in Spotsylvania since 2000. I vote in local elections, and I urge you to vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Debbie Arnold

Deborah Kroehler  
10200 Wallers Road  
Partlow, VA 22534

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December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin W. Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I'm in support of sPower's Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, and I hope you are, too. It's time for us to move away from fossil fuel energy, natural gas, and the pipeline.

The solar project will bring renewable energy to companies here in Virginia, help increase revenue for our local services, and play a role in addressing climate change. It needs to become a reality.

In addition to the environmental and energy benefits, there will be economic advantages to this project. I work in the schools, so I am glad that some revenue from the project will go toward the school system.

There are more and more kids are coming here because of the development that is going on, and it's hard to keep up with the changes. We don't want to tax people more because there are varying income levels, yet we still need well-funded schools. We need to create revenue so that we can address over-development without raising taxes.

This matter has been well researched. It is not some "flash-in-the-pan" idea. Climate change is a reality, and we need to acknowledge what is happening and take action. This project is in tune with what is happening in our natural world.

As a longtime resident and a regular voter, I ask you to do your part to ensure that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center moves forward.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kroehler



December 26, 2018

Denise Yoo  
10605 Robin Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am reaching out to let you know I support the solar energy project that has been proposed for Spotsylvania County. I think this is a far preferable alternative to the nuclear power plants. The nuclear plant seems to have problems, but solar power is safe and clean. I urge you to help bring this better energy source to our county by voting for the sPower Solar Energy Center Project.

The sPower project will not only bring new energy technology to our county, but it will also generate significant tax dollars for the county. That money could be split among services like police and schools. It's excellent that the project will bring around 30 full-time jobs. We have a lot of unemployment here. It's a bigger problem than most people realize, so new jobs would be very beneficial.

I have lived in Spotsylvania County for nearly four decades, and I vote regularly. Having been here for such a long time, I sincerely want you to do what is right for our county. Please vote the sPower project forward.

Sincerely,

Denise Yoo

December 23, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am reaching out to let you know that I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center as it will lead to increased energy production without building more nuclear plants. Plus, renewable energy is simply better for everybody. Not only that, but this solar energy project will generate a large amount of revenue that will benefit the county and everyone in it. Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

The sPower Solar Energy Center is expected to generate \$600,000 in additional revenue each year. That is good news because any extra money coming into the county benefits all the residents, especially when it can go to parks and schools. These critical services can always use more funding. The new revenue may also help to reduce residents' tax burden. If it can keep our property taxes down, that's great. It will mean more money in my pocket! New jobs means more money in residents' pockets too. Everyone can't drive to Arlington and D.C. to work--we need jobs here!

I am a retired Marine, and I believe it is massively important to reduce our energy dependence on other countries. We are on top of the world right now for producing energy. When we can do it from a solar program, that's even better. When we are too dependent on foreign sources, we have to pay \$5 a gallon for gas. But when we pursue our own energy, we don't have to rely on outside places to keep this country going. I think that's great.

The county needs new investment that is going to hang around. Every year we fight for more money for schools. Just looking at the budget will tell you that this is the right move to bring in dollars so that you don't have to look for them someplace else! For so many reasons, the sPower project is a "go" for our county. I sincerely hope you and your colleagues will vote it forward.

Sincerely,

Henry Rodes

Katherine Siefker  
13 Appaloosa Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am fully in favor of renewable, clean energy. We must put an end to blowing off mountaintops, contaminating streams with runoff, and putting toxic waste into the ground while fracking. I believe that being on the cutting edge of renewable resources is a great thing for Spotsylvania County. That's why I'm in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center, and I want to urge you and the rest of the Board of Supervisors to ensure this project comes to fruition.

The sPower Solar Energy Center project will bring the added benefit of creating jobs, which will improve the local economy while bringing people here. Hundreds of short-term construction jobs will be made available, as will about 30 permanent jobs. Some of the people who come to work temporarily here may decide to stay. Even if the workers only live here a short time, they will shop and eat while they're here, which will boost the local economy and help small businesses.

I think it's fantastic that the solar energy project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue that can be used for critical services. We want to keep up our public services, like the schools and police, because they help a lot of people in this county. The police and teachers haven't gotten pay raises in a long time, so if we can do that without increasing residents' property taxes it will be wonderful.

It's always good to generate clean energy rather relying on than non-renewable sources. Pursuing renewable energy should be our number-one priority. If we don't focus on it now, we're going to be left behind. It's time for Spotsylvania County to enter the 21st century. Following through with the sPower Solar Energy Center is a way to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Katherine Siefker

December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin W. Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am a longtime Virginia resident, and I believe it's very important to pursue renewable energy. First, it's good for the sake of the planet, and second, it can help us avoid depleting all of our resources. The sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center could be a part of the solution, so I hope you will support it.

The sPower project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue for the area. This additional revenue can go toward funding local services, such as police and schools. I hope the added revenue will also help to bring my property and gas taxes down.

In conclusion, our country is dependent on other countries for a lot of our energy sources. That means we have to go by their laws and rules. Anytime we don't agree with them, they want to raise our prices. We can address this by moving forward with the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Foley

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Monica Dibella  
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December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

It's extremely important to figure out alternative forms of energy, The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project is a sign that our county is being progressive, and it needs to move forward. I think any project that is dealing with solar energy would be good *anywhere*, and we have a chance to take the lead with this. This is a progressive, worthwhile endeavor which I urge you to support.

This project will create revenue that will help lower property taxes and increase funding for local services. Quite a few residents can't make ends meet, so it would help them for their property taxes to be lowered. It's great to hear jobs will be created, especially when those jobs will be created in renewable energy. The additional revenue can be used for schools; a high-quality education is extremely important, so it will benefit many residents if school funding is increased. The funds can also go toward police and fire services. That sounds like a win-win to me!

Ours is a very rich, independent country when it comes to resources. It's extremely important for the sake of our economy that we rely less on foreign sources. We should be able to generate our own energy. Further, I'm very pro-awareness of climate change, and I believe solar energy is going to be huge.

To me, this is a no-brainer. Solar energy is the next step to sustaining clean, renewable resources. I think the Board of Supervisors should support the Solar Energy Center whole-heartedly.

Sincerely,

Monica Dibella

Nancy Mason  
3819 Overview Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 26, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I think it's awesome that the Spotsylvania Energy Center project is bringing jobs down here. There are still a lot of people out of work so these jobs will be perfect for us. Solar energy is the way of the future, and I'm excited that we are partnering with sPower to bring solar to our county. All we need now is for the Board of Supervisors to approve this project and move it forward next month.

I've lived in Spotsylvania for 12 years. I'm a single mom with a daughter in college so the budget is very tight. The Solar Energy Center is going to generate \$600 thousand in property tax revenue that can be used to lower our tax burden. That kind of tax relief will be very beneficial to my household.

Also, there are millions of dollars in additional income for the county that will go towards our schools and public servants. Our firefighters and police officers serve this county selflessly and are grossly underpaid. It will be awesome to see them get raises and bonuses as the Solar Energy Center puts more money into their budget.

We are already attracting many new families to the area because we have so much housing being developed. Many people have to commute to D.C. for well-paying jobs, but having the Center here to generate jobs locally will be a big win for us. The Center is going to give a lot of people in this area hope for the first time in a long time.

Solar energy has been a huge benefit for homeowners that have solar panels installed. This project will be a success and eventually can lead to alternative low-cost residential energy options. The more revenue we have and the more jobs we create will help the economy in the long run. There is no question that this is the way we should go.

I'm all for the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I hope that a lot of my neighbors are for it too. We must stand together, support this project, and get it in the works. The future is here and the time to act is now.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mason

**Patricia Garrard**

5412 Whelan Way  
Partlow, VA 22534

December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am reaching out today to let you know that I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center. I am fully in favor of renewable energy, and this is the direction I would like to see the country go in. After all, it's using the resources that are free--the sunshine! We don't get taxed on sunshine, and we're never going to run out of it! It is something we can depend on. We are depending on *you* to help make this project a reality.

Using solar energy is good for the earth. We need to use what is given to us, like the sun and wind. We need to choose to use resources that are not going to harm the earth. The environment will be healthier, and a lot of tax money will be generated for local services. This project will ultimately benefit everyone.

When I think about the solar energy project, I am reminded of the wind farms I have seen in other states. I remember people complaining about them, but then I think of what the the oil is doing to our waters and it's clear which is the better choice! It's time that we all see the big picture and do the right thing.

I've seen a lot of changes in the decades that I've lived in Spotsylvania County. When I first came here, there was nothing but gas stations, a grocery store, and a golf course, along with a few houses. We can use that same forward progress to make a change that is better for everyone and the entire earth! Let's move forward with the Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Patricia Garrard

**Patricia Jiggetts**  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 21, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am reaching out to encourage you to support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I have eight sun panels throughout my house. We get natural energy during the day and don't have to turn the lights on much. As a result, my electric bill has been significantly reduced. Similarly, the Energy Center will cut down on the use of "traditional" electricity in addition to bringing in money. That makes it a win-win for everybody!

The substantial revenue created by the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will boost our local economy as a whole. The project is expected to generate \$600,000 in property taxes for the county. I like that the funds will be used for supporting local needs, such as fire and police services. Plus, it could put more money in my pocket by reducing taxes.

The Energy Center will also offer jobs to a lot of people, including many short-term jobs during construction and a number of permanent jobs during its operation. I'm all for that, as well. It's time to make more good choices that will take the economy in the right direction. If we follow through, everyone in our county can ultimately benefit from this project!

We're not living in the Stone Age anymore. We need to move forward, keep up with technology, and improve the economy while we're at it. I think we should have done this a long time ago! We need to get on board and *stay* on board with future technology. This is what the people want, and I hope your vote will reflect that. Please support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Patricia Jiggetts



**3223 Danbury Circle □ Spotsylvania □ VA □ 22551**

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center Project, and I hope you are as well. The Center will generate revenue and taxes for the county, and it will also contribute to growth and offer local jobs for the community. Plus, it's just plain good to develop renewable energy. After all, there should be more than one form of energy available, and this project will take advantage of a clean, safe source. I hope the Board will take these benefits into account and vote for the project to be approved in January.

The Solar Energy Center Project is expected to generate at least \$600,000 in property tax revenue each year of its operation. That revenue can be used for funding critical services like schools and police and fire departments. That's a very good thing if you ask me! It will also bring in investors from other locations.

I'm not only a resident of Spotsylvania, but I am also a small business owner. As such, my first thought when I heard about this project was, *How could I get involved?* Other businesses just might be thinking the same way. Perhaps we'll get some of the bigger businesses here if this project helps to bring them in. That would mean more money could stay here in our county rather than going elsewhere, and that would be good for everyone!

For so many reasons, this project is a go! Let's make it happen. Please use your vote to move the sPower Solar Energy Center Project forward.

Sincerely,

Paula Mamula  
3223 Danbury Circle  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 21, 2018

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Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

As a retired teacher, I can't understand why anyone would oppose solar energy. The proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will generate property taxes and provide jobs. What's not to like? I believe the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is the right next step for our county, so I'll hope you'll ensure it moves forward.

The tax revenues from this project could help take the pressure off individual taxpayers like me. Hopefully, it will lower our tax rates. That extra money could help people have a better quality of life. Ultimately, the Energy Center will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue that can be used for local police, firefighters, and other critical services. We could use that money to bring our police force into the 21st century and for first responders' training, which is especially important for EMTs.

This is also a great step toward using renewable sources for our country. This is clean energy, and that's what we need to be pursuing today, rather than the fossil fuels of the past.

In closing, I ask you this: Why *wouldn't* the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center be a good thing? Think of the ways this would benefit many county residents, not just a few. When you do so, I'm sure you'll vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Reginald Tyler

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Reginald Tyler  
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**Renne Duvall**  
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**Partlow, VA 22534**

December 22, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I am reaching out to let you know that I am in support of the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. This project will develop safe, clean, renewable energy that will be good for our county and the nation as a whole. I hope you'll use your vote to ensure this project happens.

I live 10 miles away from a nuclear power plant. There is an alarm system for it across the street because we have to be prepared in case of a disaster. The alarm goes off once a month so we're all aware there could someday be a problem at the plant. That's certainly not a concern at the solar site! There is peace of mind knowing that it's far safer than nuclear energy.

There is an old Native American saying that we don't own the earth, we are borrowing it from our children. The fact that his project is going to preserve land makes it even better! I've got kids, and the idea of leaving a nice, safe and healthy planet for them is so important to me. It's crucial that we pursue renewable energy that doesn't cause safety problems or leave waste behind.

I work for the school system, and I think it'd be great if the students could take field trips over to the Center so that they could learn about solar power. We need to use renewable energy so that we are not destroying our their future, but rather educating them in how to continue taking care of the planet.

There's also the additional revenue for our county and new job creation for local workers. They will receive training in new skills and then be able to use those skills in the future. The Energy Center will bring jobs to our area, so the people who are hired by the Center will not be commuting out of the area and spending their money someplace else.

I've lived in Spotsylvania County for 30 years now, and it'd be nice to see an improved economy and more revenue coming in. Once this project is created, it will just keep generating revenue. We don't have to find more material to generate it--the sun is just there! Let's take advantage of the many benefits it can offer us. Let's move forward with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Renne Duvall

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Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I recall that your father Emmett was very kind to say he'd be glad to help me if I ever needed anything. Today, I'm writing because our county needs your help to reap some excellent benefits from a proposed solar energy project. I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project moving forward. After all, there are solar farms in other areas, so why shouldn't we have one, too? I hope you'll vote to bring it here.

I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center for a number of reasons. First, we must consider the long-term benefits of developing solar energy. I believe solar is a much better alternative to nuclear power. Solar panels don't put anything out but energy, so there is no pollution or waste involved. We are eventually going to switch over to electric cars and sooner or later there will be a lot more of them on the roads. Gas will run out one day, but the sun is always going to shine.

I am also happy to hear about the increased revenue from the Center. I have been in business here Spotsylvania for more than four decades and pay quite a bit in property taxes each year. Without businesses paying taxes, the schools wouldn't be able to survive. The Center's share of taxes is going to make a massive difference to the county's revenue. The land for the Center is only generating \$20,000 now, but with the project in place, it will generate **\$600,000**. That's a big difference! You could buy a lot of school equipment and supplies for that kind of money!

Additionally, the Center will bring numerous employment opportunities to the area. During the construction phase, the project will need about 700 temporary workers. Then, once the Center enters its maintenance and operation phase, there will be about 20 to 30 full-time jobs. I'd really like to see that happen. People wouldn't have to travel north to work, and it would certainly be a good thing to have some decent-paying jobs here.

If we don't try new things, we'll be stuck with what we have. Fossil fuels put a lot of pollution out. We have to find ways to change, and we need to make these changes now. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Project is a good move, so I sincerely hope that it will be approved. I encourage you to help make it a reality. Please vote "yes" when the time comes.

Sincerely,

Ronnie East

Shane Leblond  
7435 Courthouse Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

I served in the military for 26 years and work for the federal government. I am involved in my community and contribute to local charities, so issues that affect the county are important to me. I believe the sPower Solar Energy Center project will be a good thing for our county for many reasons. It will bring jobs, boost our economy, and help us become more energy independent. For all of these reasons, I support this project and want to urge you to do the same.

The Energy Center has the potential to generate several hundred thousand dollars a year in additional tax revenue for our county. It will certainly make more money for the county than what the hunting club pays to lease it for now! That extra money could be used for the things that we all rely on, including emergency services. Anything that helps our first responders is a good thing for residents. Plus, it will certainly be good for our county to get the new jobs the project will bring.

Further, the Energy Center is a way to help make America less reliant on foreign energy sources. When we are forced to depend on foreign countries for energy, they have a say in what we do. That puts our national security at risk. Not only that, but the energy ends up costing us about 20% more. We must move forward with projects such as this if we are to make ourselves energy independent.

From what I've heard, sPower has checked everything out, and the Energy Center won't hurt housing or the economy. That stands to reason since similar projects in other states have not affected housing costs or anything else. I have invested in future technologies myself, so I think it's a good idea for the county to do the same. In fact, I'd like to see every county go in this direction.

I am a mechanical engineer, and I have studied a lot of technology. I think anything to do with solar energy is great. I am hopeful we will continue to pursue even more solar projects, such as solar roadways. In the meantime, this is an excellent next step. I hope you and your colleagues will make the right choice and vote to move the sPower Solar Energy Center project forward.

Sincerely,

Shane Leblond

December 22, 2018

Board Member Kevin Marshall  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Marshall,

As a new grandparent, I would like my granddaughter to be raised in a world that uses clean, renewable energy like solar power. My family has always tried to live sustainably. We grow our own food and support local farmers, and we try to conserve natural resources. To me, supporting renewable energy is part of that way of life. That's why I am in favor of sPower Solar Energy Center project.

Not only will the sPower project develop renewable energy but it will also benefit the community by generating revenue for schools and emergency services. It would be great to be able to get more safety equipment for police officers like my son. It's also important to invest in things like keeping emergency services' ambulances in good repair.

Our area is growing, and we need to hire more people for emergency services. Then, we'd have better security with our firefighters and police officers. That would benefit our community as a whole. As a teacher, I'd certainly be glad to see more education funding.

The sPower project will also bring the considerable advantage of creating jobs and helping us to keep our resources here in America. I think that's great news because we have a lot of people who need jobs. When people have jobs, they have money to spend to support the local economy.

We have the opportunity to lead by example. We need to do this so that other counties and states will follow suit and make us a stronger nation. Please approve the sPower Solar Energy Center project for the sake of our children, our community and our country.

Best,

Tracy Mahone

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9991 Craigs Church Lane • Spotsylvania • VA • 22551

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I'm ready to throw my support behind the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. I've been to the board meetings and I've learned a great deal about the project. I'm literally 3000 feet from where the site is going to go. I think it's safe, I think it's a good thing, and I think the Board should vote in support of the project moving forward.

I've lived in this county my whole life. I've driven by that property every day since I was 15. The Solar Center is an opportunity to bring more revenue into the county without having to raise residents taxes to make up for shortages. That land has been forested for many years, and I would prefer it be a solar farm than a housing development causing traffic in the area.

sPower is going to be a good community partner. Aside from the \$600 thousand dollars in property tax revenue and the millions earmarked for schools and other local agencies, they also want to help fund an upgrade to our water system. I'm also happy that they will take care of decommissioning the site if the project is not renewed after 30 years. Their plan shows they care about the community and the county.

I'm a Republican and a blue collar worker. I think the hundreds of jobs generated by the construction of the site will be great for the blue collar workers in this area. Additionally, the 30 or so permanent jobs to follow will be great for the residents that live out this way.

Oil is not going to last forever. Renewable energy is the direction we have to keep going in. We need to be ready to embrace the future and be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. The solution for Spotsylvania is the Solar Energy Center project, and I hope the Board will give the project your full support.

Sincerely,

Curtis James

## Marvin Wallace Jr.

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am a Marine Corps Systems Command employee and a Republican voter. I am reaching out today to let you know that I fully support the proposed sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. I believe this project is a good fit for our county as it will create the additional jobs that every county needs. It will also bring renewable energy that will be good for the future. This project is a win-win, so I want to urge you to vote in its favor.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will create jobs that will give people new opportunities for both short-term and long-term employment. The tax revenue will be good for the county, as will the added funds sPower plans to contribute toward county services. That money could go toward hiring additional employees at the police and fire departments. The new revenue could even lead to a tax break for residents. I could then spend more money back in the county, and my family could do the same.

The additional revenue could also take some of the pressure off of parents by absorbing education costs. My son went to school here, and we had to pay \$100 per sport; when I was growing up, you didn't have to pay that. These extra funds could be used to buy sports equipment or even everyday school supplies. Plus, parents look at the quality of the school system when they are considering moving somewhere. By both increasing education funding and investing in future technology, we could draw people to move to Spotsylvania.

Furthermore, by following through with projects such as this one, the United States won't be so dependent on foreign countries for energy sources. Being dependent on other countries makes us vulnerable when it comes to our national security. When we buy from another nation, and we don't agree with something, they cut our supply or raise prices. Not having the resource ourselves makes us vulnerable. That impacts the economy because we then may retaliate and put a tariff on the country. In turn, they may increase prices and then the stock market goes, just like what we have going on right now with China. Ultimately, this situation creates a trade war.

Last, but not least, this project is simply a good investment. Just look at all the surrounding counties; they are booming and expanding. We need to keep up by investing in this new technology. Pursuing renewable energy helps the earth and could even prolong the life of our planet. We have the chance to set the example here. Once others see the positive feedback and decent jobs this project creates, other counties may gravitate to doing the same thing.

Considering the many significant advantages of this plan, I feel you and your colleagues should lend it your full support. Please vote "yes" on the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wallace Jr.



***From the Desk of...***

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am a disabled veteran and former defense contractor. I believe using the sun for energy is a better alternative to fossil fuels, so I think creating the sPower solar power plant is a great idea. Having been overseas, I've seen what they're doing with wind and solar. These energy sources have not been explored enough here, yet it is something we should have been doing all along. Let's stop delaying and get this project going.

Besides enabling us to pursue sun power, the sPower Solar Energy Center will produce a considerable amount of revenue that will be great for the county and community. The fact that the funds could go toward critical services is a benefit to all of us. I've got a son in high school, so I would be happy to see more funding going toward schools. The fire and rescue and police don't get a lot of extra money, so the additional revenue would be helpful to those departments. Hopefully, this revenue could even help defray some of our taxes.

Developing projects like the sPower Solar Energy Center will also help to prevent the ill effects of relying on foreign oil. If we have to continue to go overseas for our energy sources, we'll still be dependent on foreign countries. Then, they'll raise their prices, and that means the costs of everything goes up.

Additionally, when we have overseas interests, we have to have security for fuel pumping stations and other entities. That requires a lot of security and a lot of oversight. Further, if we can do away with fossil fuels in America, we'll be less likely terror targets. Lastly, think of how it would affect us if the other countries decided they didn't want to sell us fuel and we didn't have any reserves.

This project is a very positive step toward increasing solar power in America, as well as increasing our energy independence. It would be negligent for us not to move forward. I typically vote Republican, and I urge you to use your vote to do the right thing for our county, our state, and our nation: Say "yes" to the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Regards,

Steve Shepard  
9726 Herricks Ford Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 29, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I have lived in Spotsylvania County for 11 years, but before that I lived in California. Many of my friends and family there used solar power, so I saw how beneficial it was. Not only does solar create clean energy, but it also serves to diversify where we're able to get resources and make us less dependent on other types of energy. Considering these benefits, I think it's time for Spotsylvania to build the sPower Solar Energy Center.

Many other places are taking advantage of what solar energy can do, so I think we should follow suit. For instance, Europe uses quite a bit of solar energy. Germany is dark all the time, and yet they really take advantage of solar energy. I think it's sad that we have all this sun and we're not using it as we should. We have the opportunity to change that trend by moving forward with the sPower Solar Energy Center.

In addition to allowing us to pursue clean energy, there are economic benefits to this project, as well. The sPower Solar Energy Center will create 700 new construction jobs and 25 to 30 full-time positions. It will also generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual tax revenue. That extra revenue could be used for local services, which would help to offset Spotsylvania property owners' tax bills. I pay a lot of taxes as it is, so it would help me immensely for them to go down.

As you can see, there are many reasons why this project should happen. Moving forward with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center could really put us on the map. As a Republican who never misses an election, I ask you and the rest of the Board to vote "yes" to this plan.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Ellis

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**Leila Jocelyn**  
**5902 Blue Ridge Road**  
**Mineral, VA 23117**

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I'm sure you recall visiting my home and speaking with me regarding speeding issues in the area. Today, I am reaching out to let you know that I am entirely in favor of the sPower solar energy project. I love solar energy; I think anybody in their right mind supports solar energy! Louisa County has a huge solar farm, so why shouldn't Spotsylvania County follow suit? The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center can only happen if the Board votes it forward.

First and foremost, I support the Solar Energy Center because I'm all for anything that will save this planet. If we don't invest in things like solar energy, we are not going to survive. We have to do something now or we won't even exist! As for the immediate benefits, this project will bring in substantial revenue and create jobs. To me, anything that generates job is great. However, the core issue is the environmental impact. After all, we can't just go to another planet after we destroy this one.

I've been here in Spotsylvania County for 25 years, and I vote regular. I sincerely hope you will do the right thing not just for our county but for our planet as a whole. The other ways we pursue energy--like building the pipeline--are killing us. But if everybody does something like the Solar Energy Center instead, it will change the planet. Please take this fact to heart and then cast your vote in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Leila Jocelyn

December 29, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am reaching out today to let you know that I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center. This project could generate additional revenue and jobs for the county while allowing us to be a part of renewable energy development. Considering this potential, I want to urge you and your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of the sPower project.

The sPower Solar Energy Center could bring money and employment opportunities to Spotsylvania County. The energy farm's annual tax revenue could be substantial. Subsequently, I sincerely hope that revenue generated by this project will go toward funding our critical services such as our schools and emergency services. I think it is high time that these services receive more financial support.

Not only is solar energy beneficial for the planet, but developing it could also help toward reducing our energy dependence on foreign countries. By pursuing projects such as this one, we will be better off because we'll be more energy self-sufficient. For all of these reasons, I ask you to support the sPower Solar Energy Center with your vote.

Sincerely,

Natalie Gergler

**Natalie Gergler**  
9520 Northlake Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I did not expect Spotsylvania to be in consideration for a solar project, so I was very excited when I heard about sPower bringing a Solar Energy Center here. This is a great step into the future because we need to move away from petroleum-based energy sources and toward renewable energy. I hope that you will vote in favor of this project going forward when the Board of Supervisors meets next month.

Solar energy is a forward-leaning future technology that would benefit Spotsylvania in many ways. Having the ability to provide sustainable energy is just the beginning. The project's increasing of the tax base is really important for funding our emergency services and schools, not to mention parks and recreation as well as fire and rescue.

It's critical to move in the direction of renewable energy. The current energy sources we use now are solutions that no longer have a long future. We need to do whatever we can to develop energy sources that are more likely to be available in the future. Other countries, especially China, can produce future technologies while the United States gets left behind. We need to take strides into the future and become more self-reliant.

I don't know the exact unemployment rate in Spotsylvania County, but good paying jobs brought in to the community by this solar energy project is a positive thing. I would like to see the county go in this direction.

It's very exciting to hear that Spotsylvania County is able to have a Solar Energy Center. It will bring new jobs, increase the tax base, and move in the direction the county needs for the future. It's a great investment and we should embrace this future-looking technology.

Sincerely,

Richard Donnelly  
**6210 Bills Road**  
**Mineral, VA 23117**

Robert Townsend  
6704 Autumn Wood Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I've lived in Spotsylvania for 45 years. I always vote, and it's important to me that my voice is heard. I know the Board of Supervisors is planning to vote next month on sPower's Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project plan. When the time comes, I trust the Board will consider all the benefits to the county and the environment and vote yes to this project.

The Solar Energy Center will bring jobs to the area. That's 700 people who get the opportunity to help bring Spotsylvania into the future of energy generation, plus 25-30 who will enjoy permanent jobs here in the county. The county is also going to collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue from the Solar Energy Center, and that sounds good to me. That revenue should make my taxes cheaper, and I have no complaints about that!

Solar Energy is a cheaper, better way to get power. Clean, renewable energy is definitely the direction the country should go in. The Solar Energy Center will be good for the community overall, and the Board's support of the project will be a good decision for the county in general. Let's lead the way for the state, and vote this project forward.

Sincerely,

Robert Townsend

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*Sharon Fiel*  
*9925 Talley Road*  
*Spotsylvania, VA 22553*

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I've been reading up on the sPower solar energy project, and I am in favor of it. This project will allow us to use up fewer resources while giving more tax money to the county, which will ultimately benefit all of us. I want to encourage you to vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center plan when it is presented for your vote.

I believe it is always positive when we can use our own resources. I also like that the increased revenue from this project could help keep our tax bill in check. This is also about using Spotsylvania's land in a better way. I would much rather see this project move forward than the development of more homes or retail buildings, which would only add more traffic to our already congested roads.

This project means better incoming taxes and fewer outgoing resources. That's a win-win if you ask me. As a longtime Spotsylvania resident and a regular voter, I urge to approve the sPower plan.

Sincerely,

Sharon Fiel

Sharon Holcombe  
10410 Ni South Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am 100 percent for the Spotsylvania Solar Energy project and the benefits to our environment. Solar has a global appeal and we are very fortunate to have a partner like sPower wanting to bring this project to our county. I would like to see the Board vote for this project next month so we can start reaping the benefits of the Center as early as 2020.

I'm a teacher and our school system needs all the help we can get right now. The property taxes from the Solar Center will be something like \$600,000 and I'm really looking forward to those funds being put to use in our schools. sPower is already proving to be a great business partner because they have contributed funds to the Spotsylvania County Little League and Chamber of Commerce. I'm also looking forward to lower taxes as the revenue from the site offsets our tax burden moving forward.

We're depleting our resources on a daily basis, and the move to energy efficiency is of the utmost importance. We need to make use of the new technology for solar energy generation, and stop relying on fossil fuels and other non-renewable energies. With sPower behind us, the county is in a great position to set the standard for clean energy consumption.

Another benefit of the project is the jobs that it will create and the people that the Center will attract to the area. It will be extremely beneficial to current residents looking for new job opportunities. The Solar Energy Center is going to make a huge difference for Spotsylvania.

My main reason for supporting this project is the environment. Our future depends on our ability to make the transition to renewable energy. The Board has the chance to secure our future by voting for the Solar Energy Center, and I do hope that you will do just that.

Sincerely,

Sharon Holcombe



8812 Millwood Drive | Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I'm all for the Spotsylvania Solar Energy project. it's a good green project with many benefits for our county. I'm not a liberal, but I'm all for doing whatever it takes to make the environment better. All we need now is for the Board of Supervisors to push this project forward when you get together to vote on it next month.

I'm a conservationist at heart, but the work needs to be done by the private sector, not the government. sPower fits that mold, and they are doing a great job educating the community about their plans. At some point, we have to allow these clean energy farms into our backyards. The Solar Energy Center is a great place to start.

I don't see anything wrong with the Solar Energy Center project. We're talking 3000 acres of solar panels on 6000 acres of land that we probably would only be able to see from an aerial view. I also think it's good that the property taxes from the Center will fund the budgets for schools, police, parks, recreation, fire, and rescue. It will also generate hundreds of temporary jobs and 30 permanent jobs which is always a good thing.

I work in the timber industry and we are already cutting timber away from that site. Lumber is a renewable resource just like solar energy. We farm trees in Virginia so there is no reason why we can't farm solar energy here as well.

Sooner or later, oil is going to run out. We need to move in the direction of solar now just like we are moving towards electric cars. It's important that the country invests in solar technology because it is good for everyone. Eventually, I hope it will help lower our electricity costs, but immediately I know it will generate revenue for the county. We can't let this opportunity pass us by. Let's not just talk about going green, let's act on it by approving the Solar Energy Project.

Regards,

Terry Wolfrey

Bruce Marsh  
8522 Livingston Court □ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 29, 2018

Dear Board Member Benton,

I believe the plan for building a solar farm in Spotsylvania County is a good thing all around. It will bring in a lot of new revenue and, in turn, all the county services can get better through additional funding. Who could object to that? Plus, the extra revenue from the solar farm might even help to keep taxes low. I will be retiring soon, so I'll be in good shape financially if my taxes don't go up. For all of these reasons, I encourage you to cast your vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is expected to bring in about \$600,000 a year in additional tax revenue. With that extra money coming in, we can upgrade our police and fire departments and improve our schools and parks. Those kinds of improvements benefit everybody. Further, there will be new jobs for county residents, so even more money from their salaries and local taxes will stay in the county. There is truly no downside to the Solar Energy Center!

Moving forward with this project will also help to take the pressure off of us when it comes to relying on other countries for energy sources. We'll have a more level playing field as a nation if we pursue our own renewable energy rather than depending on the Middle East. Plus, I'd love to see the county go green, helping to make the rivers and the air cleaner. I have grandkids and I want to leave something environmentally good behind for them!

I like that this project is in Spotsylvania, and I'm all for creating a better county with the added revenue. Spotsylvania residents, and other veterans like myself, want the Solar Energy Center here. Let's get this done!

Best,

Bruce Marsh

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Candice Jett  
8911 River Valley Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am a Republican who has lived in Spotsylvania since 1996, and I'm all for the revenue that the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring to the county. In addition to bringing in millions of dollars, this project will be good for the county because it will generate jobs both during and after construction. The Solar Energy Center will also put us at the forefront of the nationwide initiative of using renewable energy. For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on the sPower plan.

There are a lot of people around here who need jobs, so the new employment opportunities at the Center will be good for the county as a whole. Hundreds of short-term construction jobs will be available during the construction of the Center. The 30 permanent full-time positions that will be available after the construction phase could help someone who is not currently working to become gainfully employed.

My adult daughter just bought her own home here in Spotsylvania. One day, I may have grandchildren who will grow up here. Renewable energy is the way of the future; it is something that our entire nation will eventually turn to. If Spotsylvania starts now, it will put us ahead of the game. Please vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Sincerely,

Candice Jett

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December 29, 2018

## Cathy Dalrymple

6217 Bills Road  
Mineral, VA 23117

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I am co-owner of a local construction and quarry industry business. I'm aware of the boost that local businesses can put into the economy. I have learned that sPower is working to bring the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center to our county. I'm in favor of renewable and sustainable energy sources. I can only see positive benefits from supporting this project, and I hope you feel the same.

Solar energy is the future, especially if we want to live on this planet for years to come. It's important to be conscientious of protecting our future and not be short-sighted about energy solutions. Fossil fuels are not sustainable and depending on foreign countries to help meet our energy needs is not the way to continue.

For Spotsylvania County, the Solar Energy Center will bring many benefits. It is expected to generate \$600,000 a year in annual tax revenue. Imagine the ways that can be put into our community: schools, roads, fire and rescue, and parks and rec services and lowering residential property tax rates! It will benefit residents across the county and strengthen our sense of community.

Beyond that, it will also create hundreds of short-term construction jobs and about 30 permanent positions. Not only will this project bring economic development to the area, which is always a plus, but it will also help strengthen America's energy independence. Those are all very positive things.

You can change things for the better by voting in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. As a 23 year resident of Spotsylvania County and a regular voter, I urge you to do just that.

Sincerely,

Cathy Dalrymple

Connie Dove  
8815 Crismond Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Dear Board Member Benton,

I feel it would be absolutely wonderful for our county to move forward with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project is a really good use of resources. We're getting the sun anyway, so we might as well turn it into electricity! Plus, this endeavor will bring in a lot of new jobs that would make a lot of people's dreams come true. For so many reasons, I'm 200% for this plan. I'm surprised we haven't done it sooner considering the benefits. It's time for you and your colleagues to get this project going.

The tax revenue from the Solar Energy Center will amount to about \$600,000 a year. They'll also contribute additional funds to local services. All of that money could go toward our county and its residents, and that would be great. It will help kids in the future to get what they need for school. Our firefighters could get a raise and do their jobs better because they're not worrying about money. It could even reduce residents' tax burden. It would help me a great deal if my property taxes could be reined in because of this revenue.

By approving this project, you can improve our children's future and the lives of residents right now. We can always rely on the sun. This project is economically feasible. Even better, we're not using coal that causes pollution that ruins the waters, the soil, and the air. It's just perfect. As a lifelong Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I ask you to use your vote to ensure the sPower project happens.

Thank you,

Connie Dove

December 23, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I'm very familiar with the Solar Energy Center project that sPower has proposed for Spotsylvania. Solar energy is a healthy power source that takes us away from burning coals and polluting the area even more. I live in walking distance from the proposed site, and I'm not surprised they picked that underutilized land. It was only being used for a power line going through it and some minor hunting. Now the property can give back to the community in a big way, but first we need the Board to vote in favor of this project.

Locust Grove is a small community of mostly retirees. The tax revenue expected from the Center will ultimately offer tax relief to residents, allowing us to do more with our families and put more food on the table. My father passed away three years ago, and my sister and I took over raising our younger sibling. Having more money in our pocket to put towards our little sister's education is paramount.

Another benefit of renewable energy like solar is the money we will save as we cut our dependency on fuels and coal. Those funds can be redirected to fixing roads and other infrastructure. Non-renewable energy sources are going to run out soon, but if we are more dependent on renewable resources like solar, it will benefit us in the long run.

It's amazing that the project will generate hundreds of new jobs during the construction phase. I'm 20 years old and I started working in construction when I was 10, with my father's permission of course. In the winter time, it's typical for construction jobs to be cut because it is difficult to keep up with demand due to the weather conditions. With 700 jobs being made available to our local community of mostly builders, we can keep their talent close to home. Many of the workers are contracted out to metropolitan areas like D.C. and North Carolina, so it will be nice to have local employment options for them.

My father served in the U.S. military for many years, and he was in Vietnam. I remember how passionate he and my uncle were about clean energy, and how unhappy he was with the massive coal mines full of contaminated water. That's not the future we want for our town or our country. There's no reason to say no to this project. It's going to benefit everyone from all walks of life. The Solar Energy Center deserves your support because it will outlive all of us, and provide clean, reliable energy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Dakota Grimes  
11626 Windy Acres Lane  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

## **Dawn Leonard**

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10311 Bridle Creek Lane • Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I believe the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project is our best choice out of the various renewable energy options. I have been reading up about this project through the sPower website and the local paper, and I am entirely supportive of it. I want to encourage you and your colleagues to support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project and vote in its favor.

My primary motivation for supporting this project is the benefits to our environment. I train horses at Livingston Manor Arabians, and I believe having a good environment makes sense. I have taken advantage of solar energy myself by having a solar panel system installed on my indoor arena. I'd even be interested in providing land for the project if my property is needed. We must limit our carbon footprint, and this project is one avenue to move in that direction.

We should move forward with this project not only for the sake of the environment but also in the interest of energy independence. We should be able to rely on ourselves, within our own borders, to generate energy in a way that won't compromise our environment. Wind is not an ideal option here, and the solar farm is a lot quieter than wind turbines would be. Solar is simply the right choice for us.

For so many reasons, the Solar Energy Center is an excellent move for the county. If it's good for our county's environment, then it's good for our county government. It's vital that the Board embrace clean energy technology by supporting sPower's plan for Spotsylvania.

Regards,

Dawn Leonard

**Donna Decker**  
7200 Stubbs Bridge Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

I've been in Spotsylvania since 2004 and my husband has been here since 1991. Although I work for a petroleum company, I support the county moving to clean, renewable energy like solar, and my husband is also all for it. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project is a step in the right direction for our future and our environment. I encourage the Board to recognize this positive opportunity and vote yes to the project.

The Solar Center is expected to generate millions in much-needed revenue for the county. The revenue should play a big role in helping to lower taxes for those of us living out here on the lake. We have a lot of friends out here that are barely surviving because the taxes are so high. sPower's commitment to the community will make a huge difference for us.

The property tax revenue from that land the solar farm is on is going to help fund schools, fire, and rescue. With the way the county is growing and all the housing being built, the schools are overcrowded and the public servants are overworked. It will be awesome to see the revenues spent on those agencies that need it most. It's also awesome that the Center will generate jobs for our county both in the short and long term. That really is a success story for the community.

It's important that we generate our own renewable energy here. My husband thinks we can get rid of that nuclear plant with a push like this towards solar. While we are probably a long way from that step, solar energy is definitely a cleaner alternative, and unlike the nuclear plant, it's not a danger to us.

There are definitely more positives about solar energy than negative. Cleaner energy produced in our own backyard, generating revenue in our county, and protecting our environment is just a win. I hope the Board agrees and shows support to sPower by voting yes to the Solar Energy Center project next month.

Sincerely,

Donna Decker



**George Florence**  
10331 Catharpin Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

**December 26, 2018**

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

You and your colleagues in the Board of Supervisors have the opportunity to let the rest of the country know we are committed to alternative energy use by approving the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. Doing so will put us on the map and bring other industries into the area. The project will also bring in tax revenue and help the environment by cutting down on the emissions of fossil fuels. Considering these facts, I want to urge you to support this project and vote in favor of it.

The Solar Energy Center is anticipated to generate \$600,0000 a year in property taxes alone. That money could be used for funding critical services, such as schools and police. Plus, the County might not have to raise residents' taxes if all of that new income is coming in. That's a win-win situation if you ask me!

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project is the right first step in pursuing alternative energy. I encourage you to take a close look at everything it can do for the county. When you do, I'm sure you'll know that you should vote "yes" on this plan.

Sincerely,

George Florence

**Gregory Bockelman**

7429 Lakewood Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 29, 2018

**Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553**

Dear Board Member Benton,

I believe it is good that we pursue renewable energy like the sun for the sake of the future. The way I see it, it's like putting money in the bank and getting interest on it. You and your colleagues have the chance to bring clean energy to our county by approving the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I urge you to say yes to this plan when it is presented for your vote.

We need to pursue all forms of clean energy. The more clean energy we have, the less we have to use fossil fuels. If we follow through with projects such as this one, we could have more power without adding any additional pollution. That helps keep the air and environment clean, which ultimately helps to keep people healthy.

Our county needs new jobs, so it's a real plus that the project will bring in hundreds of construction jobs and 25 to 30 full-time ones. Those employees will spend their money in the county. Plus, having more energy produced in the county may lead to additional jobs in the long run. Additionally, the new property tax revenue from the project means residents could save some money on their taxes and spend more in the county, as well.

Having some innovation in this county would be nice. This innovation brings in the added benefits of clean energy, new jobs, and extra revenue. Approving the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center sounds like a no-brainer to me!

Sincerely,

Gregory Bockelman

James Frazier  
10411 Springwood Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Greg Benton  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Benton,

The Solar Energy Center project has many aspects that will be good for Spotsylvania County. The Center will generate jobs, allow us to retain renewable energy, and allow us to save money on fossil fuel consumption. With the Board of Supervisors approval, sPower will be ready to move forward on their comprehensive project plan in Spring of 2019. I encourage the Board to stand together and vote in favor of this project next month.

I'm a refrigeration technician and I work on industrial refrigeration units that use a lot of energy. Eventually, we are going to run out of fossil fuels. We are stripping our lands of coal, and nonrenewable energy usage is a major environmental issue. At this point, solar isn't an environmental issue, and the construction of this Solar Center is not a big deal. sPower's project has my support.

Once the Center is running, there will be 30 permanent employees maintaining it. Keeping those workers employed throughout their career or work life will benefit the county. It certainly is a plus that the tax revenue from the site can go towards the budgets for schools, police, and fire. I'm hopeful that residents will also see a tax break as a result of the millions of dollars that sPower has dedicated to the community.

I would like the county to make the transition to renewable energy seriously. I don't expect sPower's solar farm to make a lot of noise, and the 2000 acres of vegetation acting as a buffer is a nice touch. sPower also has a plan for decommissioning the Center and restoring the site to its original state. I've lived in Spotsylvania for 50 years, and I feel better knowing that we can always revert the land back if we need to.

I believe the Solar Energy Center will be good for our county, and I'm asking you to make sure that the Board votes to move ahead with this project.

Sincerely,

James Frazier

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am a retired professor of geology and geophysics. I have been reading up on climate change and global warming. To my way of thinking, if we don't involve ourselves in sustainable sources of energy such as solar, we are going to devastate our planet. I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center--so much so that I recently attended a meeting and made a statement about it. Today, I want to expound on why I support this project in the hope that you will do the same.

I cannot overstate the importance of developing renewable, clean energy. So much of our lives are built around oil and gas because they are primary sources of energy. But here's the big problem: if we continue to do this, we will raise the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. It's already twice as much as it was at the time of the industrial revolution. If we don't stop what we're doing, we'll send it up and up, and that's going to be catastrophic as far as global warming is concerned. To heat the oceans this way is insane. Frankly, it is suicide.

In addition to allowing us the opportunity to pursue solar energy, the sPower project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue that will go toward services that our county needs, including schools. If we're going to continue to improve the quality of education, we've got to find a way to fund it. I'm sure you realize where I stand on that since I spent 35 years as a university professor: I'm all for getting more funding to our public schools.

Further, some of the new revenue from the sPower project could go toward other services, like fire and rescue and parks. I belong to several groups like the Nature Conservancy, and I'm a great believer in developing resources like parks. In fact, I'd say I support doing so to the maximum. Funds going in that direction would be very well and wisely spent.

Ultimately, having a new source of revenue for these services could lead to a lighter tax load for residents. Many people live paycheck to paycheck today. A reduction in local taxes would be a tremendous advantage to people in that situation as it would give them more money to spend on things that they need for their homes and families. The Board has a duty to ensure that the community continues to prosper with sPower involved as a producer of electricity.

The sPower project will also be a step toward reducing America's dependence on foreign oil sources. It is a disaster when America is forced to rely on external energy sources. I worked for an oil company at one time, so I know a little bit about this issue.

There is no question that we cannot be dependent on foreign sources. We're too big a country, we have too many things to do, and we want to have the best lives for our people as possible. Thus, we have to provide for our own.

We have a home in Spain, and there is a huge solar field not too far from our house. If a little country like Spain is making tremendous efforts to get away from oil and gas, we need to do the same.

sPower seems very willing to work together with the Board on this project. I met an sPower employee, and it was clear to me that they have some good, dedicated people working for them. That is just what a company like sPower needs. I'm very pleased to see good people working in the sustainable energy field since this is so very important to us as a community.

I'm 88 years old, and I realize that I am nearing the end of my life. However, there are a lot of people coming up behind me, and somebody's got to think about their future.

I have never missed an election, and I always cast my vote for the person who I feel will do the best job. Now, I am asking you to use your vote do what is best for our county, our communities, and every generation to come. Say "yes" to the sPower Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Augustus Santiago Cotera  
8103 Lee Jackson Circle  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

**Aaron Hudson**  
**10807 Cinnamon Teal Drive**  
**Spotsylvania, VA 22553**

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I've lived in Spotsylvania County for 39 years and work as a lineman for Dominion Energy. I'm completely in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. Green, sustainable energy is the way to go for our planet and our future, so I urge you to vote this project forward.

If we can get away from being reliant on foreign oil, that's a good thing. Being dependent on foreign countries means we're at their mercy as far as pricing goes. They can charge whatever they want and hold trade deals over our heads. If we can be self-sustaining, we're better off. It's nice not to have to rely on anyone else.

In order to keep up with the demand for energy, we *have* to go green. We have to take some of the load off other sources. Wind and solar are both renewable energy sources, and we need to pursue them. I can't stress enough how good green energy is for our environment. We need to take this opportunity.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will also bring local energy jobs that pay well to the area. Having hundreds of new trade jobs during construction is a boost to honest blue-collar workers who don't have a college degree. People can come learn a new skill or trade and be educated about green energy at the same time. They may even decide to pursue it as a career, and that's wonderful.

More revenue for the county is another tremendous benefit. We are overpopulated, and our schools are overcrowded. I have three kids attending Riverbend High School. It's no secret that we need to build another high school, but we need funding to make that happen. We also need to improve our county infrastructure and increase the salaries of our emergency responders and teachers.

I really can't see anything bad about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I'm only a few miles from the proposed site and am looking forward to it being a done deal. I encourage you to look at the benefits and do what's best for everyone in Spotsylvania County. As long as the sun shines, you'll always get something back on your investment.

Regards,

Aaron Hudson

**Anna Robles**  
7001 Cedar Crest Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

My daughter is a dedicated environmentalist. She knew from the time she was a child that she wanted to make a difference. She is always telling her father and me about the realities of what is happening to our planet and what we can do to help. Similarly, I'm reaching out to tell you that the Board has the opportunity to really help both the county and the planet at large by voting in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

I have only heard good things about renewable energy. I have also heard good things about what the sPower project can do for the county. And if it's good for the county, it's a good idea! Not only is this project going to give people jobs and be better for the climate, but it is also going to bring needed funds into our county. It would save us all money if this revenue could help us pay less toward our property taxes.

I am glad that this new revenue would go toward critical services like fire and rescue. Our fire and rescue service does not get as much funding, help, or recognition as it should. People don't think about these types of services until they need them. They don't get enough credit so it would be a great thing for them to get more funding. Increased funding for parks and rec would be good, too. My kids started soccer and t-ball at the parks. That kept them off the street and taught them how to be a team player. It would be a great thing for the community for them to get more money, as well.

Climate change is real. We can't ignore it. We need to come to a meeting of the minds and realize these things are happening. It's time to get serious and not just think about tomorrow, next week or next year. We have to think of future generations! We must realize how little time we will have left on this planet if we don't do something now! Your favorable vote is the "something" we need when it comes to the sPower Solar Energy Center.

Regards,

Anna Robles

December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am a veteran who works in IT engineering as a federal government contractor. I have lived in Spotsylvania for all but six years of my life, and I am all for bringing the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center to our county. I like the fact that this project will bring in revenue that can be used to fund critical services, such as schools. Plus, it's just better for our planet. For the sake of local residents and Earth itself, it's time to get this project going!

This project will use natural sunlight to produce energy, so it won't use up any other natural resources like oil or gas. Thus, it also cuts down on the transportation and pipelines needed to deliver such fuels. Moreover, fossil fuels cause dangerous emissions to be released into the air and harm the ozone layer, but solar energy does not cause these problems, so this project is something that will ultimately benefit the whole world..

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will allow the planet to benefit from a renewable resource while bringing in substantial revenue for our county. To me, it's a no-brainer that it should move forward. Please use your vote to ensure that it does.

Sincerely,

Bryan Livesay

Cheryl Hazen  
9804 Boston Ivy Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I have lived in Spotsylvania County since 1989, and I've seen a lot of growth in recent years. With that growth comes new infrastructure and expense. To afford that, we need to find good methods for funding. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will generate needed funding for the county while contributing to growth. And it's intelligent growth at that! That's why I want to encourage you to support this project.

The Energy Center will offer hundreds of construction jobs when it is getting started. It will also bring up to 30 permanent positions once it's in operation, which will benefit the families of those full-time workers. But it certainly doesn't stop there. It will ultimately generate millions of dollars in new revenue that will benefit the county and its residents.

I also appreciate the fact that this project will contribute to our energy independence as a nation. When we have to rely on foreign fossil fuels, we're lining the pockets of other countries, and we shortchange America. Supporting projects like this at home helps keep money here in the U.S.

This project could help all of us going forward, so I hope you'll do your part to ensure it comes to pass. Please vote "yes" on the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hazen

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I work as an accountant for the federal government, and I've lived in Spotsylvania County for 30 years. I think the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a great idea that will benefit the county, the state, and the country as a whole. Our nation needs to get away from fossil fuels, so anything we can do to promote that is great. I hope you agree and will vote to move this project forward.

I am in favor of anything that benefits the county, and the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will do that by generating additional tax revenue. If residents see their taxes lowered as a result, that will give them more discretionary income. Plus, any additional revenue generated by sPower can be used for education, parks, and other enhancements to our county.

Fossil fuels aren't good for the environment, so we need to turn to other technology. This project is a step in the right direction. I'm concerned about continuing to rely on nuclear power. We're close to the power plant that was impacted by an earthquake, so that's at the forefront of my mind. If something like that happens in an area where there is renewable energy being produced, we don't have to worry about a nuclear accident. We won't be harmed by solar panels.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will provide renewable energy without harming the environment. It will be of great value to our county, and it allows Spotsylvania to take the lead in reducing our country's dependence on fossil fuels. It's a step we need to take. Please vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and bring renewable energy to our county.

Sincerely,

Christine McSween

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*Christine McSween  
7205 Hearthside Trail  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407*

December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am fully in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center Project, as it is going to bring in tax revenue and be one of the top 10 revenue producers in our county. sPower has already pledged to make the taxes an even \$600,000 a year and that will be great for the county. That's a lot--especially when you compare it to the \$17,000 that the land is earning now! We need to get this thing going in our county, so I urge you and the rest of the Board to move it forward with your votes.

This project will generate a lot of money for local services without costing the county anything. These revenues will help offset needed funding in the local services, such as schools and sheriff's departments. Plus, the county needs more commercial taxes rather than residential taxes. The project is also going to generate lots of jobs during construction time. After that, we'll have 20 to 25 permanent employees in the county in high-paying jobs from this project.

Further, sPower has already planned to donate solar panels to schools and other buildings. They will be installed and ready to operate, creating significant savings for the county. It will also preserve about half of the area as environmentally protected land. Moreover, renewable energy is good for the United States, and we need to use all the renewable energy that we can. The CO2 savings are tremendous.

This is a big step for Virginia and especially for Spotsylvania County. I wish the people who are against this project would speak the truth. The silent majority of the county that is for the project doesn't speak up, but the fact is it's going to be good for the county and won't hurt anyone. I have used solar panels on my home for the last 10 years, so I can attest to their efficiency.

Please cast your vote in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center Project and make its many benefits a reality for Spotsylvania County.

Sincerely,

Daniel Pemberton

Daniel Pemberton  
6206 Plank Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am in favor of the forward progress that the sPower Solar Energy Center project will bring to our county. We can't just stay where we are. We need to move along with technology and give this a try. This technology will help us move ahead as the bigger cities do without changing too much of the environment. That's a good thing if you ask me, so I hope you and your colleagues will help get this project going with your votes.

The sPower Solar Energy Center will bring money into the neighborhoods and allow us to do things like fix potholes or complete unfinished projects. We can have more police on staff, and invest in better equipment for the fire and police departments. They will be able to serve us better with more money coming in from this project. The extra revenue could also help to reduce our property taxes. As a retiree, any tax break I can get is a good thing!

The Center will also be great news for individuals who need jobs. It's going to bring hundreds of construction positions into the area during the development phase. Then, there will be about 25 full-time permanent jobs once it's up and going. I have two grandkids who are going to grow up and need to work one day, so it's nice to know that long-term jobs will be available.

Perhaps if this project moves forward, solar energy will become more widespread. I would like to see that happen, as more people should be able to take advantage of it. This project will give us the opportunity to see how well solar energy works--not only individuals, but other county and state governments could see how beneficial it is.

Spotsylvania County has a chance to lead the way on this, so please ensure that it has the opportunity to do so. Vote "yes" to the sPower Solar Energy Center plan.

Sincerely,

Denise Crumbs

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Denise Crumbs  
11927 Gardenia Drive  
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Donna Mills  
11511 Foxwood Lane  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am reaching out to share my support for a local solar energy project. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will produce jobs and energy. For those two reasons alone, I believe it should move forward. Considering that the project will also bring economic benefits, help support public services like our schools, and improve the environment, there is no doubt it should happen. I hope you'll ensure that it does.

In addition to bringing new energy technology to Virginia, this project will generate substantial property tax revenue that could ultimately help to reduce the taxes of Spotsylvania residents. Further, it could help decrease America's dependence on foreign energy sources. It will benefit the country to develop and utilize more of our own energy. After all, why should we use foreign energy if we can create our own?

Solar energy is something that companies and the country as a whole should be investing in. Solar energy is clean and safe, and it will help Spotsylvania County. Clearly, this is a project that should move forward. Please use your vote to make the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center a reality, and encourage your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to do the same.

Sincerely,

Donna Mills

Holly Hydorn  
11511 Orange Plank Road  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Project because it uses solar energy, a renewable power. I believe we are caretakers of the Earth, not partakers. We need to do everything we can to protect our environment. I hope you share my beliefs and will reflect them with your vote in favor of this project.

In addition to protecting our environment, this project will also create jobs that will allow people to find worthwhile work that will help them pay their bills. Following the hundreds of initial constructions jobs, 25 to 30 permanent jobs will be created. That means 25 to 30 local families will be better fed.

Further, it can only be favorable for us to become less reliant on foreign energy. Right now, we have to depend on people who say they are friends, but they are not. The world is a mess as it is. Why rely on others when we should be relying on ourselves?

Solar is renewable energy, and it's there for the taking. We are not harming anyone or anything by using it. It will not only help us locally, but it will help the world because we will do no further harm to the planet or the people on it. It's the best of both worlds.

As a longtime resident and regular voter, I urge you to support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Holly Hydorn

**Janis Rosser**  
11501 Brock Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy J. McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

Eco-friendly solutions to generate energy is the best way forward for Spotsylvania. I have a small farm where I run my business, Highland Oaks Kennel, and I do everything as eco-friendly as I possibly can. If I had more land, I would invest in solar panels, and it would be wonderful to be off the grid. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is exactly what the U.S. needs to generate reliable, clean energy, as well as millions in revenue for our county. The Board of Supervisors must support this initiative and vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center.

The environmental benefits from the Energy Center alone are worth the vote, but I also like the idea that this effort will bring more money into the county, helping everyone as we invest it back into everything from roads to schools.

The Energy Center is expected to create hundreds of new positions during the construction phase, as well as permanent, full-time positions. There are a lot of contractors in Spots, and this means a significant revenue boost for those businesses. Additionally, while the construction workers are here, they are going to spend a lot of money in the county as they acquire temporary housing, visit restaurants, or patronize any other small business.

Solar energy means cleaner energy in the United States and more energy independence. We have a significant problem right now relying on foreign energy sources, and we need to do all we can to develop our energy options. And, businesses across the state and country want access to cleaner energy.

I've lived in Spotsy for 14 years, and I am a huge advocate for eco-friendly solutions. The further we get from burning oil or fuel the better. Next month when the Board votes on the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, if you think about the benefits to our state and our environment, I'm confident the vote will be a unanimous yes.

Sincerely,

Janis Rosser

December 23, 2018

Jennifer Kulp  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

When I learned how much revenue the sPower Solar Energy Center is expected to generate for our county, I knew that I would be in favor of it. I'm all for people being able to support themselves, so I think the employment opportunities it will bring are a good thing, too. I hope you feel the same way and will vote in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center.

I think it's wonderful that so much money will be coming into our county from the Energy Center. It's an amazing thing that hundreds of thousands of dollars could go to county services. In addition to the property tax revenue, sPower will contribute additional funds to services like parks and schools. I like the idea of funding parks as a way to get the kids off the street and let them work off their energy. If all of this extra revenue lowers property taxes and saves me money, that's even better!

Additionally, when we develop our own energy with projects like this one, it takes us closer to being self-reliant for energy sources. I think it's a great thing to be able to utilize our own resources. We've seen the problems that relying on others can cause in the past. Recently, I visited family in Vegas and saw some solar panels, and I thought that was great. I feel this is the right direction to take, rather than continuing to rely on other sources.

The sPower Solar Energy Center is going to employ about 30 people full-time in addition to bringing in hundreds of construction jobs during the building phase. For that reason alone, I'm absolutely in favor of it, not to mention all of the revenue that will be coming in after setup! These benefits make this project one that deserves your full support. Please reflect that with your vote.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kulp

December 21, 2018

John Swing  
8409 General Sickles Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am a regular voter who has lived in Spotsylvania County for eight years. I'm reaching out to let you know that I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. Anything that uses renewable energy is positive. If a project such as this can mean less coal and oil emissions in our environment, then I am in favor of it! I hope that you are, as well.

Besides reducing emissions, the Energy Center will also bring substantial tax revenue for the area's services. I enjoy the local parks, and I would like some of the revenue to go toward their upkeep. It's also good news that jobs will be created. The permanent positions will be valuable for providing employment and increasing the tax base. The project's tax revenue could help to reduce my taxes, which would be a good thing. I read a newspaper article about potential tax breaks resulting from this project, and I am in favor of that projection.

Pursuing renewable energy is critically important for both energy independence and reducing greenhouse emissions. Embracing these energy sources will reduce our dependence on the Middle East and Venezuela, who do not share the values that we share. Being able to create our own energy keeps our money over here, which is yet another positive of this project.

Please support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center so we can move forward on these important energy issues.

Sincerely,

John Swing



Jonathan Hill  
12601 Quarter Charge Drive □ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I'm all for renewable energy, and I am in favor of the solar energy project that has been proposed by sPower. Renewable energy is way of the future, and it needs to be addressed seriously. The sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will benefit this county and its residents, so I want to urge you to vote for its approval.

We need to be on the forefront when it comes to renewable energy, so it is a sage decision to invest in this technology. I'd love to see the county and the state going in this direction. Returning to coal and drilling for oil is a huge mistake. What we are doing is destroying our landscapes and polluting our air. Switching to renewable, clean energy is a win for everyone. This project will benefit not only our county in this way, but our entire nation.

There are economic benefits to this project, as well. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual tax revenue could go toward local critical services. I'd like to see these funds go toward schools, fire departments, and police forces, where funding is most needed. All residents would benefit from better training for police, new equipment for firefighters, and improved schools. Further, this revenue would hopefully reduce taxes for the residents of Spotsylvania County. More money in my pocket is always great!

We all need to get on board with this. Your kids and mine are going to need to rely on this type of energy in the future. Your "yes" vote will allow our county and its residents to begin benefiting from the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center right now.

Best,

Jonathan Hill

December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy J. McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

Spotsylvania County holds an essential place in the history of our country, and we have the chance to give it an important place for the future of our country, as well. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center provides us with that opportunity. It is critical that we stop using as many fossil fuels as we're currently using, and Spotsylvania County can take a leadership role by supporting this project.

We need to be concerned about the climate change we're undergoing right now. It is essential that we turn our dependence on foreign energy around. That energy does not come from renewable sources, and it's very costly. Switching to solar will help us reduce the carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Our country should take the lead in tackling this, and we should embrace this movement right here in Spotsylvania County. If we ignore climate change, we're only dividing ourselves from the rest of the world.

On a more local level, the tax revenue the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would generate is a major plus, as are the jobs it would create. It would help fund our school district, parks, recreation, and emergency services all while creating a cleaner environment by promoting sustainable energy. Everybody wins!

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will benefit our community in a multitude of ways. As a retired professor, I firmly believe that we need to look to solar to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Let's think of the future--not just our future, but the futures of our children and grandchildren, too. Renewable energy is an important piece of the puzzle. sPower needs your support to move this project forward, and I implore you to give it to them.

Sincerely,

Karen Cotera  
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Kevin Guyan  
11905 Sandy Hill Court  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

As a longtime Spotsylvania resident, I am reaching out to let you know that I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center project. To me, the number-one benefit of this project is that it will generate clean energy. Plus, it will create a new source of revenue for our county. For both of these reasons, I encourage you to vote in favor of this plan.

I feel it is incredibly important to pursue sources of renewable energy, and this project is a step in the right direction. The Center will generate 500 megawatts of renewable energy, which will help America work toward energy independence and bring advanced technology to the county.

This project sounds like a great idea to the common people, so it should automatically be a valid option for the Board's vote. When you consider this issue from the people's point of view, I'm sure you'll know how to vote when the time comes. Please say "yes" to the sPower Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Kevin Guyan

***From the Desk of...***

**Leslie Collier  
12001 Wales Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

December 21, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

It is so important that we pursue renewable energy sources. I'd like to see the Earth stay around a little bit longer, so we need to use alternative sources of energy that are not going to hurt it. Frankly, it is foolish to fail to pursue these energy sources locally. One way for us to follow through on these efforts is to proceed with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I hope you and your colleagues on the Board will vote to make this a reality.

This solar energy project is valuable to our area for a number of reasons. Not only will it increase renewable energy that will hopefully attract new companies, but the project itself will also create jobs. Then, our area will be able to offer jobs other than waiting tables and the like. It's also good that property tax revenue will increase substantially due to this project. The additional funding will help our public services a great deal, and it's wonderful that the money will help the schools. It may also lower residents' property taxes; any money I can save is a good thing!

Moving forward with renewable energy projects such as this one will help our country to be self-reliant and not have to depend on others. What we are doing now is both damaging the earth and posing a threat to our safety. It's time for that to change.

Renewable energy is the way the world is going. It is necessary for us to follow suit. Please use your vote to move the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center forward.

Regards,

Leslie Collier  
12001 Wales Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

## **Robert Baker**

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10302 Catharpin Road • Spotsylvania, VA 22551

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

The proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is not too far from my home, and I am excited for it to come to Spotsylvania. Solar is the way of the future, so it seems like that's the way we should travel. It's certainly better than using nuclear power! I would like you to vote in favor of this project so the county can begin reaping benefits from it.

It's nice that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring new jobs to the area. It's always good to put some people to work. The tax revenue is also beneficial. If it will help with our fire services, roads, and schools, I'm all for that! Plus, it will be great if it saves me some money.

Being self-reliant for energy is better than looking toward other countries. It's a great investment for our county and for the future. I have two children and I want to know their future is safe. This seems like the right path to take for Spotsylvania County.

I've lived here for 40 years, and I vote in our local elections. I think it's time to support renewable energy. Doing so will help our own county and country instead of helping other countries! Please give the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center your stamp of approval.

Regards,

Robert Baker

RoseMarie McGill | 8522 Sawtooth Lane | Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I am a teacher who has lived in Spotsylvania County for nearly two decades. I feel it is of the highest priority to pursue renewable energy, and solar energy just makes good sense. Other countries are doing it, and our country is way behind. You and your colleagues have the opportunity to take the lead and put Spotsylvania County ahead by approving the sPower Solar Energy Center Project.

The sPower project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in new revenue that could go toward local services. I spend my own money on supplies, so I think it's a great thing that the schools could benefit from his revenue. We've had about ten years of nothing but cuts, with modest increases last year. We are way, way behind, so perhaps this revenue will help us catch up.

Further, I believe it is a threat to our national security to remain reliant on foreign oil sources. Fracking is not the answer because it will lead to dire consequences. We are going to be nothing but dependent on other countries until we figure out how to be self-sufficient by using our renewable energy sources. This is a good step toward achieving that goal.

The benefits of this project far outweigh any short-term costs. The big picture is the common good. Please do what is best for our county and the entire planet by voting this project forward.

Sincerely,

RoseMarie McGill

Sharon Gill  
8006 Sandalwood Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

Cleaner energy is better energy, period. I know people who have solar panels on their homes and recommend them to others. Solar is a positive, clean energy source, and we should embrace it. Spotsylvania County has the opportunity to do so on a large scale by approving the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, so I urge you to vote in favor of it.

I work as a systems accountant in Prince William County, and they have chosen to support solar energy. The county is flourishing as a result of bringing in new businesses like this, and I think that's the direction we should be going in Spotsylvania County, as well. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will create 700 new construction jobs, along with 25-30 permanent jobs during operations. That's bound to help our residents.

Furthermore, this project will bring in approximately \$600,000 in property tax revenue. Some of that money could go toward our first responders, which would increase their ability to help in emergency situations. It could also help with funding new and improved roads and with taking the burden off our schools. Additionally, it may keep tax rates for individuals from increasing.

As you can see, the benefits of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would be great for the residents of Spotsylvania County. I've lived here for 25 years, and I vote in every election. It's time for us to embrace new technology and sustainable resources. Please help us move into a better future with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. Vote yes!

Sincerely,

Sharon Gill

Sonja Lambert  
7422 Laura Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

I support sPower's Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project, so I am writing today to encourage you to vote in favor of it when the time comes. This project will bring many benefits to our county, including new jobs, increased funding and revenues, as well as benefiting the environment by taking advantage of renewable energy. I believe all of these benefits make this project worthy of your support.

I think it is excellent that the additional tax revenue from this project could go toward funding critical services. It would be great if fire and rescue could get more funding for new equipment. I am a stroke survivor and have needed these services, so I know firsthand that it's important to keep these services up to date and well-funded. This additional revenue could even help to lower our tax burden. I would love it if it would take down our property taxes; I think all residents would be happy for their taxes to go down.

sPower will also contribute money toward county services like schools and parks. I am a teacher, and my 14-year-old attends a local high school, so I would really like to see more money put into the schools to benefit them, and the fact that sPower is willing to do this is a great point. I also think it is great that the Center will bring new jobs into the county, especially since I know people who can't find employment opportunities right now.

Taking advantage of solar energy will be beneficial to all of us. I think it will be great to bring this technology into our county, and I hope others will consider it too. Please join me in supporting the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project with your vote.

Sincerely,

Sonja Lambert



December 22, 2018

Board Member Timothy McLaughlin  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member McLaughlin,

As a wildlife biologist, I believe climate change is one of the single greatest threats that we face. Anything we can do to mitigate the climate catastrophe that is heading toward us is a good thing in my book. Thus, I am in favor of anything that weans us off of non-renewable energy sources. Since the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will help us do just that, I support it and want you to do the same.

In addition to the extremely important issue of developing renewable energy sources, I think it's great that the project will create new jobs. I would much rather see new jobs being generated in the renewable energy field than in traditional energy plants or mining operations. More jobs mean more people buying houses, affording groceries, sending their kids to schools, paying taxes, and increasing the tax base. That's all good if you ask me! Plus, the revenue from this project will add to our county by giving it funding to provide more services--I'm all for that, too!

I also like that this project is a step toward energy independence for our country. I think it's important that a country as rich as ours generates the power that we expect to have available to us rather than depending on other countries to do that for us. If we aren't tied up with other countries, trying to procure oil and gas, we won't get into morally hazy situations in other parts of the world.

I moved here from the Deep South in the hope of living in a state that is more aligned with my values, so I am very glad to hear that Spotsylvania is stepping up to the plate. This is a good, safe use of land, and it is something that our kids and grandkids will thank you for. Please do the right thing and use your vote to bring the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project into fruition.

Regards,

Stacey Truitt

From the desk of.....

Stacey Truitt  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I've lived in Virginia my whole life, and I'm a civilian marine. It's important that we think about the future of our county, state, and environment. In my opinion, solar energy is the direction we need to go. I'm all about using the technology we have to generate the clean energy resources we need. We want the Board of Supervisors to approve the sPower Solar Energy Center project plan so that we can take this important step towards clean energy.

I have a kid in school and a baby that will be going to school soon. When I reviewed sPower's website, I learned that they are dedicating millions of dollars to our schools, and I always support initiatives that benefit our schools. Further, I saw that they have committed significant funds to other public services such as fire, rescue, and law enforcement. Those agencies always need money so that is something that I really like about the project as well.

The construction of the Center is going to require 700 workers. It's wonderful that we will have the opportunity to offer those construction jobs here in Spotsylvania. More jobs are always good for the economy, so the more the better. Once the site is running, it will generate \$600,000 in property tax revenue, which I expect will offset our tax burden. Anything that will make our taxes less is a great thing.

The more renewable resources we use, the better for our natural resources. We support using our own resources to generate our own energy right here at home. Reliance on foreign energy just opens us up to so many problems. I highly encourage the county to invest in solar energy because I don't see any drawbacks. Solar power is the way we need to go in the future, and we might as well start using it now. Let 2019 be the beginning of a bright future with your vote for the sPower Solar Energy Center project.

Thank you,

Angela Howard

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Brian Matthews  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I am a student and auto body shop worker who is in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project will bring economic expansion, tax revenue, and employment to the area, all of which will benefit the county itself and its residents. Thus, I want to urge you to support the Center and cast your vote in favor of it.

The revenue from this project could help residents like me by keeping our property taxes in check. We will ultimately benefit from the increased funding to critical services, as well. Residents will also be able to take advantage of the new employment opportunities. I'm sure there are a lot of people around here who need jobs, so that's a good thing.

In addition to bringing economic benefits and income to our county, this project will also help us work toward energy independence. It's just good to develop an alternative form of energy in the first place, and it's better for us to provide our own sources of energy whenever we can. That way, we don't have to rely so much on other countries.

As a Republican voter, I urge you to do what is in the best interests of our economy and our residents: Vote to get the sPower project going.

Sincerely,

Brian Matthews

December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

Spotsylvania County has a lot of rural areas, and it would be nice to improve them a little bit. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would provide increased tax revenue to the county, and it would also create jobs. It's a step forward, and not allowing the project would hold the county back, so I encourage you to vote in favor of it.

Anything that reduces the unemployment rate is always good, and the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would create 25-30 permanent jobs, along with hundreds of temporary jobs during the construction phase. I know a lot of our veterans have trouble finding a job when they get out of the military, so this might be an opportunity for them. The part of the county where the center would be located doesn't have many employment opportunities, so it would be especially nice to create jobs there.

The project will also generate hundreds of thousands of additional property tax dollars that could be used to help our county. Helping to fund school districts and parks would be great. I'd also like to see more emergency services, because I know some of Spotsylvania County is difficult to get to.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would create jobs and support our local services, all while reducing the greenhouse effect. As a resident of the county for 18 years, I believe this is a step we need to take. I'm a Republican working for the Department of Justice, and I also believe this would be an important contribution to achieving energy independence. It would be great to have our own energy sources instead of relying on other countries.

Spotsylvania County has the opportunity to do its part in creating renewable energy, and I think we should take it. Please vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Thank you,

June Monell

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June Monell  
11209 Prince Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Armad Kittrell  
7404 Harvest Lane  
Fredricksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I'm a fan of technology and I always have been. I have a systems engineering background, and I support solar and renewable energy. I wanted to know more about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project so I signed up to follow it on Facebook. sPower's plan for the Solar Energy Center is a big first step for the county. In order to take that step, we need the Board's support when you vote on this project next month.

As we move forward and our society begins the evolution of renewable energy over fossil fuels, it's important that Virginia keeps pace with the changing technology. I see this venture into solar energy as something that is less impactful on the environment and best for the constituents of this state. We've seen a similar switch from traditional gas burning vehicles to hybrid and electric cars. I'm open to technological advances that sPower's plan is bringing to the county.

While it certainly is not the most important aspect of the project, the additional revenue generation from the Center is a positive. Some of the revenue is destined for our schools and public servants, which is great. School districts can always benefit from a boost to their budget. Most of our firefighters are volunteers, so any additional funding for them is a huge plus.

Fossil fuels have a limitation for how long they will be available. Moving toward clean, renewable energy is a clear and concise direction. The demand for energy is growing more and more every year. Even the building that I work in has charging stations for electric cars now. We have to increase the infrastructure to support our energy demand. I find it very important that we embrace cutting-edge renewable energy technology.

I've lived in Spotsylvania since 1998. and I'm an engaged voter. I'm asking the Board to consider the State of Virginia from an energy perspective. If we don't embrace this plan, how will we sustain our energy needs at the rate that we are growing? It's imperative that we move towards clean energy. Vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center and secure a clean energy future for our state.

Regards,

Armad Kittrell

January 3, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

Technology is changing fast today. There are so many things on the cutting edge of technology that it's almost unbelievable! Considering this rapid change, I believe we need to explore every avenue into increasing resources for energy. I'm certainly in favor of solar power as one of those avenues, so I think the sPower Solar Energy Center is a good idea. I support moving forward with the approval of this source of renewable energy, and I hope you will vote for its approval.

First, I want to mention that I am not a neighbor of the project site, so I cannot relate to the issues that the neighbors may have with it. The Board should take a look at how the neighbors feel about the project so their concerns are recognized. Any potential long-term issues need to be addressed in the planning process in the best way possible. Having said that, I do support the project as it is good for the county, and I hope that it is approved.

Besides taking advantage of renewable energy sources, the sPower project will also generate hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue for our county. Not only will that money help to fund local services, but it could also help keep our property taxes from going up. A lot of us are retired and on fixed incomes and could use some relief from rising taxes. In fact, *everyone* would probably like to see their tax bills being kept in check!

This project will also help reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources, which is very important. I am wholly opposed to becoming entirely dependent on foreign sources. We just have to look back to the Gas Wars in the '70s to know that is a bad idea. Remember what it did to us--we were waiting in lines, and the gas was scarce. You don't control your destiny if you depend on another nation to help you.

There will also be economic benefits if this plan is approved. I read about the hundreds of jobs that will be created during the construction of the Center, and that's a good thing for the county and the area. Generating jobs helps improve the economy overall because more people are earning and spending. After all, people have got to eat live, work, and pay taxes, so facilitating that helps support the entire economy.

Last, but certainly not least, we have to look elsewhere for energy. The grid isn't going to be able to accommodate all the needed energy. It's time to find an alternative, and this project is a step in the right direction. As a conservative Republican who has never missed an election, I ask you to vote to move the sPower Solar Energy Center forward.

Sincerely,

Den Boyd  
12501 Ventura Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 23, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

As I'm sure you will recall, I am a local developer. Given my profession, I am excited to see what the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will generate. The increased revenue from property taxes will be good for police, fire services, and rescue squads. And, naturally, it will generate the sustainable energy that we should be developing today. For all these reasons, I urge you to support this project.

I am in favor of sustainable energy. It has no damaging effect on the Earth or ground or anything else. Without a doubt, sustainable energy is the way of the future, and this area needs to pursue a sustainable energy project of this sort. The project could draw interest from other investors and companies, and we'll also get some new jobs in the area. As a developer, I am 100 percent in favor of the 700 construction jobs that the project will bring

This project will also help reduce our dependence on foreign oil, which is extremely important. We don't want to rely on foreign governments. If we have the means and methods of producing energy here, why wouldn't we do it? I've always been a proponent for that. With oil, we're held to the mercy of what foreign entities want to bill us. If we generate the energy in the United States, we have a little more control over it. With today's tariffs and wherever they might be headed, anything we can create here is a plus!

Since I am a builder myself, I know the trend is going toward green building, so this project is a step in the right direction. I believe every jurisdiction should be pursuing sustainable energy sources. We *have* to invest in this technology. Thus, I sincerely hope the County will choose to do so by approving this project. As a Republican who always votes, I ask you to say "yes" to the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Joe Amberger  
**4022 Bonnie Brae Court**  
**Fredericksburg, VA 22407**

December 22, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

When I learned of the Solar Energy Center project and the benefits to our state, I knew right away that I was in favor of it. The project will generate tax revenues that will save the county money, save homeowners money, and overall help the entire community. sPower has already made significant strides in spreading the good news about this project. Now we need the Board of Supervisors to carry this over the finish line and vote yes for the project to move forward.

Virginia has some noteworthy renewable energy goals and this project is in line with those priorities. If we don't invest in solar energy now, the environment will suffer, the economy will suffer, and ultimately we will lose money. sPower already has engagement from major partners, and that tells me this project is going to be a game changer.

As a retired builder, I was pleased to learn that the construction of the center is going to generate 700 jobs for the county as well as 30 permanent jobs to maintain the site. I'm completely in favor of a project that creates jobs and moves us into the future of energy independence. This is the direction that the county, and the country, must go.

Energy independence and renewable energy will benefit everyone in America, and it will help the environment. I've lived in Virginia for 54 years, spending half of that time in Spotsylvania. I'm a Republican voter and ready for the state to move into the future of renewable energy. sPower has a solid and comprehensive plan to make it happen. When the Board gathers to vote next month, I ask that you vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Clarence Rogers

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Clarence Rogers  
8413 River Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407



Darryl Loveless  
5413 Heritage Hills Circle  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I work as an analyst and have lived in Spotsylvania County for five years. I believe Spotsylvania County needs money that *stays* in the county. The proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would provide that, along with cleaner air, so I am in favor of it and would like to encourage you to approve it.

This project would generate approximately \$600,000 in property tax revenue. Our county needs that, and it would be great if we could use that revenue to help the schools and with parks and recreation. It would be beneficial to give the local kids something to do. Taking the pressure off individual taxpayers would be nice, too!

Additionally, this project will contribute to our nation's energy independence. I think that our dependence on foreign sources of energy has a major impact on our economy, especially with the tariffs and tax laws for importing and exporting. Having the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would bring everything here and help keep us from being dependent on other countries.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Project will create jobs right here in Spotsylvania County that could help lower our unemployment rate. A lot of people here depend on jobs up north, so it would be nice to have jobs that didn't require them to travel. Combined with all the aforementioned benefits, I don't see a downside to this project!

I encourage you to take a strong look at what the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center can do for the people of Spotsylvania County and make your decision based on that. When you do, I'm sure you'll agree that it should move forward.

Sincerely,

Darryl Loveless

December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

When I first heard about the Solar Energy Center project I had a number of questions. The more I learned about the project it became apparent that this is the way of the future. Any use of alternative energy that cuts down on our use of fossil fuels will be worthwhile in the long run. Subsequently, I'm not opposed to the Solar Center in Spotsylvania, and the community needs the 700 jobs that will be created during the construction phase. I hope that the Board agrees and votes for the project next month.

Although it seems that we have plenty of electricity now, I suspect that the nuclear plant in Lake Anna will have to be shut down eventually. Solar is a much safer energy source than nuclear and the main objective should be getting away from fossil fuels because they are eventually going to run out. With that in mind, it makes sense that we are making this transition at this point.

The quest for fossil fuels is hurting the ecology and causing a lot of damage to our environment. Offshore oil drilling disasters seem to happen every few years, but solar energy is a clean energy source that is better for the planet. The Center is going to generate millions in additional revenue for the county, and sPower already has several large customers lined up to purchase power from the installation. It's a win-win.

Other countries like China are already leaps and bounds ahead of us on renewable energy generation. It's time for us to get into the game. I'm also planning to get panels on my roof and cut down on my energy expenses. I've been in Spotsylvania for 20 years and I would only support this plan if I thought it was beneficial to the county. Solar energy is the right move and this is the right time to vote yes on the Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Glenn Lecouteur

Glenn Lecouteur  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 21, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I have lived in Virginia since 1969, and I think that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a great idea. It will bring new employment opportunities and an economic boost to the area. Moreover, it is important to embrace renewable energy so that we can address climate change and be less vulnerable to other countries. For all these reasons, I urge the Board of Supervisors to support this project.

Hundreds of new jobs will be generated during the construction of the Center, in addition to the permanent jobs that will be needed to operate and monitor it. I think it is wonderful that so many jobs will be created by this project; it will be great for our local industry. I believe our area could use more innovation, and the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is an excellent place to start.

It's also important to consider the additional revenue that this project will bring to the area. That means more funds for local services, like the police departments and the schools. Plus, the increased tax revenues could take the burden off of residents like me by lowering our tax rates. Furthermore, following through with this project ultimately gives us more clean air to breathe, which is a great benefit in and of itself!

I took a trip to Germany two years ago, and wind turbines were all over the place. In England, wind turbines are in the ocean next to the islands. All of this attention to sustainable energy is so important, and it's time for our country to get invested in these same ideas. Solar energy is how our county and our *country* needs to go! So, I sincerely hope that you and your colleagues will say "yes" to the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Judith Rockwell

December 29, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

Renewable energy is a good thing in my book. A new project has been proposed that will not only allow our county to develop renewable energy but also help the community and improve the economy. The sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will benefit our entire county and its residents, so I urge you to lend it your support.

The Energy Center will create hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. It would be a wonderful benefit if that new revenue could stop our local taxes from increasing. It's also fantastic that 700 short-term jobs will be created during the construction phase. About 30 new full-time jobs will be available in the long-term. I think that's a great idea, especially since the county will get new revenue from the people who are working.

Solar energy comes directly from the sun; we don't have to dig in the earth to use it. This project will allow us to use this clean, renewable energy source while bringing many additional benefits to our community. I find myself wondering why anyone would not want this. As a regular voter, I ask you to use your vote to move this project forward.

Thank you,

Mary Gay  
1515 Heatherstone Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 22, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I believe it is essential to find new sources of energy. Fossil fuel isn't going to last forever, so we need to take advantage of other resources. Solar energy is clean and renewable, and it's time for the county and the entire country to make a move toward using it. You and your colleagues have the opportunity to bring a solar energy project to our county with your vote next month, so I encourage you to say "yes" to the sPower plan.

Besides creating clean energy, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will be good for the local economy. Hundreds of jobs will be available during construction, and a number of permanent positions will continue during operations.

Another positive aspect of this project is the hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue that it will generate. The county could use that extra money in whatever way it is most needed, such as additional funding for our schools. The increased revenue could also alleviate residents' tax burden. If property taxes are lowered, people will have more spending money to put into the local economy.

Solar energy is the wave of the future, and it's the way that we need to go. As a Republican and a regular voter, I ask you to approve this plan. It's going to be good for Spotsylvania County.

Sincerely,

Melissa Dillard

December 22, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I am a longtime Spotsylvania County resident, and I teach about solar energy in my high school human geography class. Lessons on sustainable energy, solar power, and wind power are all part of my curriculum. Subsequently, I am in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center project because it will develop sustainable energy, as well as generate tax revenue and jobs for the area. I sincerely hope you and the rest of the Board of Supervisors will approve this project.

For the sake of our environment and our planet, it is important to develop renewable energy. We have *got* to stop burning coal. Plus, coal, natural gas, and oil are all finite resources, which means their availability is going to come to an end. That is why we need to embrace sustainable energy instead. The sPower project is an excellent step toward accomplishing that goal.

I am glad that revenue from sPower will go into the County coffers to benefit services like EMT, fire rescue, schools, and libraries. As a schoolteacher, I see a huge benefit to additional funding for education and parks and recreation. I'm all for the additional property tax revenue from the project, too. Anytime our county can gain additional commercial revenue, it helps bring the burden off of individual taxpayers.

I understand there have been objections to this project, but it is important to note that sPower is taking lengths to preserve both the land and the landscape. The plan deems that there will be trees along the perimeter, so people will not see the solar farm itself. Plus, solar panels are not what they used to be in the '70s and '80s. Both solar and wind farms can be much more aesthetically pleasing today, especially when land and trees are preserved as sPower plans to do.

The bottom line is that sustainability is the way of the future. We need to embrace this technology. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors must vote the sPower Solar Energy Center plan forward.

Thank you,

Penny Anderson

December 23, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

It didn't take long for me to realize that clean, renewable energy is the way of the future. Even at a quick glance, I knew the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project was a great idea for the state and county. Moving towards renewable energy consumption and cutting down on other energy sources will be good for the environment. I'm asking the Board to throw your full support behind this project.

The jobs in renewable energy will be great for Spotsylvania. I'm a student right now and I've lived here for 12 years. It's important that graduates and residents have employment options locally. The Solar Energy Center is already attracting big-name corporations that are looking to run their operations using solar energy. There is a major buzz about this project on social media and many of us are following it on Facebook.

On a scale from 1 to 10, renewable energy sources are a 9. Ensuring that we are protecting our planet and not polluting the environment is the best step forward. As non-renewable energy sources start to run out, the impact on our day-to-day lives will be detrimental if we are not prepared with alternative energy options. Launching this project in Spotsylvania makes perfect sense for our future.

Millennials are taking notice to social, economic and environmental issues. I like that we are localizing our ability to generate solar energy with a site right here in Spotsylvania. If the Board looks at the long-term pros of this project, you will only see really big benefits coming out of it for the residents, the environment, and everyone else involved. Vote yes for the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and secure the future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Peter Hadeed

10708 Brittany Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Robert Sapp  
13010 Dahlia Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

Finding renewable sources of energy is important for our future. I was interested in having solar panels installed on my roof, but I had too many trees around to qualify. Spotsylvania County, however, has the opportunity to support renewable energy on a large scale by allowing the construction of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I think that's a fabulous idea, and I hope you will move it forward.

Our county needs an alternate source of power to reduce emissions and things of that nature. We need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and look to alternative energy sources like wind and solar. I believe the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would be an asset to both our community and our country. I think it would even increase our economic standing with other countries.

Our local economy would benefit from this project, too. It will create jobs, which means more people will have the income to take care of their families. It will also generate approximately \$600,000 in property taxes, which would be really good for the county. Those taxes would help the community pay for essential services, and it could take the tax burden off of individual taxpayers. Anything that helps the citizens with the costs they have to pay out is a plus in my book, and that's what the people need--more pluses!

I'm a retired veteran and I've lived in Virginia for about 15 years now. Our community can't lose with this project. It's a win-win all the way around. I hope you agree and will give the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center your full support.

Sincerely,

Robert Sapp

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December 22, 2018



December 29, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I have been in Virginia, and Spotsylvania County specifically, since the mid-1980s, and I've seen a lot of change and growth in that time. Right now, you and the Board of Supervisors have the chance to support a project that will bring a positive change for our county, our nation, and our planet. The sPower Solar Energy Center will create new jobs and revenue for our county while generating clean energy, so I urge you to vote to approve it.

The Solar Energy Center will bring around \$600,000 a year of additional tax revenue to Spotsylvania County, and that could go toward services like schools and police. That's a good thing because the schools are currently underfunded. My kids are going to graduate next year, and through their experiences I've seen that the schools don't have the budget that they need. I'd also like to see this revenue help alleviate the tax burden of Spotsylvania residents.

Further, this project will allow us to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources. That's the kind of thing that has been getting us into economic trouble lately. Because we have become too dependent on foreign countries, we're indebted to China and are slaves to other countries. That makes us unable to stand on our own two feet. This solar energy project could take us a step closer toward being self-reliant. We need to get energy from somewhere, so we might as well get it for free from the sun!

By moving forward with this project, we will be able to gather energy from renewable resources and distribute it to people who want it. It will be better for the planet because we're not burning coal. Plus, it will create needed jobs that will generate even more tax dollars for the county.

Please vote the Solar Energy Center project forward.

Sincerely,

Steuart Rosenfield  
10637 Lovett Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Vernon Paul  
12634 Hidden Hills Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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December 26, 2018

Board Member David Ross  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Ross,

I am a 100% disabled veteran, and my wife also served in the military. I am reaching out today to let you know that I am supportive of the solar energy project that has been proposed for Spotsylvania County. I think it's time that we start to we rely on the sun for more of our energy. Moving forward with the sPower project is a profitable, beneficial thing to do, so I hope you will support it.

Right now, the vacant land that sPower would use only generates \$20,000 in tax revenue, but that will go up to \$600,000 if it is approved. I'd like to see people in the county benefiting from that extra money, so I'm glad that it could help reduce residents' property taxes. I'm sure my neighbors would like to get some relief from their tax burden. Those funds could also be put toward our local services. I have a grandson going into school, and it would help him and his peers for more money to go into education.

Last, but certainly not least, this project will reduce greenhouse gases and improve our air quality. It is much needed, and it is time to look forward to the future. Please vote for the sPower project.

Sincerely,

Vernon Paul

December 22, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

After reading a lot about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project, I knew I was in favor of it. The energy produced by the project would be safe and clean, and there are already buyers for it--including Microsoft. This project is a solid economic investment, and I am strongly in favor of anything that's going to generate additional tax revenue for the county. The Center needs to move forward, so I want to urge you to vote in favor of this project.

Without a doubt, we need to generate additional tax revenue for the county, so I am glad that this project will bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be used toward local services. We need new schools and more classrooms, and this revenue could provide the money for them. That would benefit me personally because I am a mother who has children in the local schools. I'm also a teacher, and I believe anything that can help our classrooms and parks is a good thing. Additionally, the Center will bring further local benefits by creating 25 to 30 long-term, full-time jobs for residents.

Renewable energy is important, and we should always be looking for clean sources of energy. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center positions Spotsylvania as a leader in renewable energy. The fact that we are willing to invest in it now speaks very highly to our long-term goals. As a longtime voting resident of the county, I'm strongly in support of this, and I hope that the Board of Supervisors wants to make the same kind of investment in our county as we residents do.

Sincerely,

Alicia Adams

**4704 Colonnade Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

**Paul Masterson**  
10306 Wisteria Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 26, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

Our society needs to find more renewable sources of energy so we can stop taking everything out of the ground. Solar energy is a great alternative to fossil fuels or coal. sPower has proposed developing their Solar Energy Center right here in Spotsylvania. That is a fantastic idea and a major accomplishment for the county. The next step is for the Board of Supervisors to show your support and pass the project forward. As a Republican and 45-year resident of Spotsylvania, I am encouraging you to do just that.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is going to generate millions of dollars in revenue, and that is terrific. That revenue will benefit everyone from schools, to rescue, to law enforcement. Residents are also looking forward to the tax relief so that we will have additional disposable income. And it goes without saying that improved schools are the basis for improving the community.

One of the most important issues facing us today is energy independence. I'm not a big of fracking, and we can't continue to rely on fossil fuels and coal. We have to make the switch over to renewable energy because it lessens the impact on our environment. I'm also concerned we are getting ready to head into a recession, so the hundreds of jobs being generated by the construction and maintenance of the site will be good for our area.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center benefits the future of our county, community, and generations to come. We can only get there with the Board's approval. Support this clean energy initiative next month, and put Spotsylvania on the right path towards clean energy.

Sincerely,

Paul Masterson

## **Margaret Pritchett**

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163 Mansfield Street • Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 26, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am a lifelong Spotsylvania County resident who drove a school bus for the county before retiring. You may recall that your children were in Girl Scouts with my grandchild. I am contacting you today to let you know that I support the solar energy project that has been proposed. I think it's a great idea and a great opportunity. To put it simply, I am all for it. I hope you will vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center plan.

The Center will good for the economy and the atmosphere while bringing jobs to the area. I was very pleasantly surprised to hear the Center will generate about \$600,000 in property taxes a year. That kind of revenue will go a long way to support local services, such as fire and police. We need more of every emergency services department. At the rate that our county is growing, we need these services to be well-funded.

In addition to bringing economic benefits, the Center will also help our nation to develop its own energy rather than relying so much on foreign sources. It is of the utmost importance to pursue energy independence because it's extremely expensive to rely on external sources. I don't think foreign energy dependence is good at all. The U.S. needs to take care of the U.S.

I believe the Solar Energy Center project will brighten the future for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It will also give us the opportunity to move forward in technology. As a Republican who votes regularly, I ask you to allow our county to make this move toward the future. Approve the sPower Solar Energy Center plan.

Regards,

Margaret Pritchett

December 21, 2018

Board Member Gary F. Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

In the 1980s, I worked in East Africa as an architect. I saw what was going on with solar power, and I think it's well past time for it to be pursued in the United States. America is a big country, and we need to find ways to fuel systems like mass transit without using fossil fuels. We have solar power at our disposal, and we should take advantage of it. That is why projects like the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center should become a reality.

In addition to generating needed electricity, this project will create additional revenue for local services by generating substantial tax revenue. It will also create employment in the form of hundreds of construction jobs and upwards of 25 permanent positions. I'm all for creating more full-time jobs for the local people who need them. I have seen Spotsylvania County grow in the nearly two decades I have lived here, and I want to see that trend continue.

I would like to see more companies and developers using solar power, and for incentives to be put in place to encourage them. Solar power is the most elementary thing God has given us. Why not use it? I truly hope that you and your colleagues will see to it that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center moves forward.

Sincerely,

Arun Desai  
3917 Saint Michaels Square  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 21, 2018

Board Member Gary F. Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I like the idea of our county becoming more self-sufficient. That's why I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. It's a step in the right direction and will bring more money to the county for schools. I hope you agree with me and will do all you can to ensure this solar energy project moves forward.

I appreciate that sPower has taken nature into account and has agreed to conserve a large portion of land, along with protecting wetlands. I worry about animals and their habitats, so I'm glad that sPower has taken steps to minimize any impacts this project may have on their environment. I also appreciate that the solar panels will be screened from our view.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will also be good for our economy. Any time big projects occur in our county, the people who come to work spend money here. That's true even if they are from out of the area. Plus, this solar energy center will generate additional property tax revenue that might keep *our* property taxes from increasing as quickly.

I'm an asset protection coordinator, and I've lived in Spotsylvania County for over 10 years. I think it's the right time to try solar energy, and I believe sPower's commitment to conserving the land makes it the right company to undertake this project. If we don't take a step and try solar, we'll never know the benefits it could bring. Let's give it a shot. Allow the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center to move forward.

Sincerely,

Becky Adkins

**191 Bend Farm Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

December 26, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am just about to retire from an 18-year career with the Department of Juvenile Justice. I also served in the Air Force for 20 years. I've lived in Spotsylvania County since 2001, and I never miss a vote. I believe it is important to develop renewable energy, so I am fully supportive of the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I encourage you to support it, as well.

I grew up with Three Mile Island, and I remember it vividly. The disadvantages of coal and the dangers of nuclear power go without saying. I can't imagine why anybody would *not* be pro-solar energy. It makes sense that anything renewable, especially if it's safe for the environment, is the way we should be going. I don't know why America--or any other country with the technology--would not try to use the most readily available power source on the face of the earth: the sun. It's renewable, and it's just smart to use it.

In addition to the environmental benefits, Spotsylvania County will also benefit financially from this project. The tax revenue from the property that will be used for the project will increase by 300%! That's absolutely awesome. I only hope that money is used to benefit *everybody* in the county. Plus, it's going to create jobs, and I can't imagine why anybody wouldn't agree with that. Making jobs available to people who need them is important, and 25-30 of those jobs will be permanent.

If Spotsylvania doesn't move ahead with solar energy, it will be left behind the rest of the country. Ultimately, it will cost Spotsylvania more to catch up than to keep pace. I hope you agree that this is something we need to do and will vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Brian Hughes



December 22, 2018

Dale Walters  
10727 Allie Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

Fossil fuels have a limited lifespan. Although it may be several generations from now, we know that fossil fuel supplies will reach their end of life. We have to move toward forms of renewable energy. Thanks to sPower, we have the opportunity to transition to the use of solar panels through their Solar Energy Center project. The Board of Supervisors should show support of clean energy efforts by voting for the Solar Energy Center project.

The Solar Energy Center will generate millions of dollars in revenue for the state that can provide funding streams for public services. Through this project, Spotsylvania County's emergency services will have additional funds to upgrade equipment and hire additional personnel. I work as an Engineer for the federal government and I've worked on budgets. I know how easily funds can be bounced around from one funding stream to another. That's why I was particularly pleased when I learned that sPower has specifically dedicated \$15 million to the county for schools, parks and recreation, as well as job training for veterans.

Renewable energy projects are going on in various parts of the country and the world. Nevada has launched a solar energy project already, and I'm looking forward to Virginia being the next state to usher in a new era of generating clean, renewable energy. We have to embrace renewable energy, and while there are many renewable options, I'm excited about the sPower Solar Energy Center venture.

The Center in Spotsylvania will lay the groundwork for other counties in Virginia to open clean energy centers. The opportunity for job creation in this cutting-edge sector, at a time when our population is exploding, makes perfect sense. Add to that the bonus of relinquishing our dependency on energy from other nations.

We have to move further into the 21st Century with our eyes wide open. Fossil fuel energy is in limited supply. Although coal has served us well for the last 200+ years, it is a non-renewable resource. Let's place the focus on the future of our county, our state, our country, and our planet. Let Spotsylvania set the standard for clean energy and good business. Vote yes for the sPower Solar Energy Center project next month.

Regards,

Dale Walters

Darlene Manning  
10100 Sachs Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I've read about the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, and I believe it will be beneficial for our area. It will cut down on extra pollution while creating more energy efficiency and providing tax revenue to the county. It's a win-win situation, and it should be approved.

This project will bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue. Our schools and other departments need that extra cash. Plus, it will take the financial pressure off of individuals. For example, I'll be happy if it saves me money! I'm sure other residents would find it helpful to have extra money in their pockets, too.

It's also important that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will create hundreds of construction jobs and then 25-30 permanent jobs during regular operations. I like that sPower will be keeping jobs in the United States, and even more that they're creating jobs that will help people right here in Spotsylvania County. People are looking for jobs, and it will be nice to have some within our community.

Approving the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is the way to go to support more people and taxpayers. Continuing to rely on foreign energy takes jobs away from our people here in the United States and has a negative impact on our economy. This is a chance to help people in our own community. I encourage you to vote in favor of it.

Sincerely,

Darlene Manning

**David Hanlon**  
4107 Derbyshire Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

**December 21, 2018**

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am reaching out to let you know that I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project will create hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue, which means improved roads, better schools, and perhaps even reduced property taxes for Spotsylvania County. Plus, it will bring more jobs to the area, which can only be a good thing. Considering all of these benefits, I hope you'll lend this project your full support.

In addition to the monetary benefits, it's essential to pursue renewable energy as a way to reduce air pollution. Otherwise, we must rely on foreign energy sources and run pipelines through areas that do not want them.

This project is a step in the right direction--not just for our county but the entire country. Let's move forward with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

David Hanlon

**Harry L. Swanson**  
10311 Colechester Street □ Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project for many reasons. I want to take a few moments to share them with you. This project will lessen our dependence on foreign energy or harm the environment. It provides another form of revenue which will help the economy. It may even lessen the tax burdens on residents like me. I'd say there are plenty of reasons for you to support this project with your vote, and I want to encourage you to do so.

The Solar Energy Center project provides an alternative that we need. It's cleaner and doesn't affect the environment with runoff problems like fracking does. Plus, it will help us to not be so dependent on the Arab world for oil. If we can provide our own energy without relying on someone else, we will be much better off. This project will also bring much-needed, well-paying jobs to the area. I feel good about that since there are a lot of people who are looking for employment.

Further, the Solar Energy Center project will provide substantial revenue to fund local services while keeping residents' tax bill in check. I'm retired and on a fixed income, so anything that cuts down taxes helps me greatly. Moreover, I've got kids and grandkids around here, so I want to see better parks and recreational things for our area. This revenue could be used for improved schools and increase pay for our police and fire departments. These are services everyone needs. We're a rapidly growing community, and we need all the help we can get. This revenue will provide a good shot in the arm for Spotsylvania County.

We need to do everything we can to prevent global warming. That means we need to start cutting back on fossil fuels. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will give us the chance to do just that while bringing us the many other benefits I brought to your attention. Clearly, this is the right step for our county to take. Please say yes to this plan when it is presented for your vote.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Swanson

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December 21, 2018

Board Member Gary F. Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am a lifelong Virginia resident and an engineer. I believe all the fossil fuels we burn are bad for the environment, especially since we are already dealing with climate change. Solar power is a better way to go. That's one of the reasons that I support the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. I hope you that you will support this project, as well.

In addition to capturing solar energy, the project will have the added benefit of creating employment. It will provide jobs for people who are struggling and allow them to have a better future. The increased employment will give our local economy a boost and help it to grow.

This sPower project is also good for our national security, as it will bring freedom from relying on other countries for sources of power. The current situation allows those countries to have influence over our government. Not only that, but it's just too expensive to buy our energy from those outside sources. Reducing our dependence on them will address both of these issues.

I have lived in Spotsylvania for about six years. I feel good that the revenue generated by the solar project will help to fund local services. I can foresee the positive outcomes of this additional revenue, including some of the money going to the local schools that my kids attend. The revenue will hopefully help to lower residents' taxes, as well.

This project is a progressive, positive step for our area and our country. Taking that step will impact our children's future. So, in closing, I ask you to think about the coming generation. When you do, I'm sure you'll realize the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project should move forward.

Regards,

Imran Aziz

James Lewis  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 29, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

A lot of people don't care about climate change right now because it's not affecting them. However, we all need to start thinking about longevity--for people and the planet. A big part of protecting our future is working toward developing renewable energy. It's time that we get rid of dinosaur sources for fuel, and the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is an opportunity to do just that, and I urge your vote to support it.

Besides giving Spotsylvania County the chance to develop renewable energy, the sPower Solar Energy Center will also generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue for our county services. Hopefully, that extra money will prevent our taxes from going up like what's happening up north. If this new revenue can help our schools and other local services while keeping taxes in check, it's a win-win. The new jobs also will be a good bonus, and they'll help boost our economy.

Utilizing solar energy is so much better than using fossil fuels which just put more toxic gases into the air. Without a doubt, the county and the country as a whole should be pursuing both solar and wind power rather than fossil fuels. As a regular voter, I ask you to be open-minded to renewable energy resources, and moving forward with this plan is a great place to start. Please vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

James Lewis

Jessica Applegate  
9836 Plaza View Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 23, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I've been following posts about the sPower Solar Energy Center project here and there on Facebook. I know that the Board will be voting on the project soon, and I want you to know how important it is to vote yes. This project gives us a chance to provide renewable energy resources which we are in desperate need of. I really like the economic growth it's going to stimulate for us in the area. The future of our county and state will be bright when the Board moves this project forward.

I'm a resident of Spotsylvania County, but I teach in a neighboring county. I think the investment that sPower is making into schools -- to the tune of several million dollars -- is wonderful. It gives Spotsylvania a chance to become a competitive and attractive area for teachers and educators to consider. I also imagine that the additional revenue will help high school students find careers locally. The project has also committed funds to our parks and recreation. That gives kids a chance to have a better future, be more hands-on, and get more physical activity. It's clear sPower cares about our community.

I have an 18-month-old son and my hands are always full, but my money is often short. Personally, I expect the property tax revenue from the Center to translate into a tax break for county residents. It will help us all to have more money in our pockets.

Fossil fuels aren't going to last forever, and they are already destroying our environment. The time has come to get renewable energy going, and this project will only put Virginia ahead in that process. Relying on non-renewable energy is destroying the future for our children and grandchildren. The construction of the Solar Energy Center will bring about jobs for hundreds of people with downstream impacts that will benefit citizens as far as King George and Westmoreland Counties.

I like the fact that this project is going to put our small town on the map. It is helping us move towards a cleaner future. I really hope the Board thinks of the children when you cast your votes. Think of how much it will benefit them, and know that the Solar Energy Center will be great for the county as a whole and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jessica Applegate

December 23, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

As we learn more and become more technologically advanced, I believe we can create what we need without having to rely on other countries. That's especially true when it comes to energy sources. Rather than becoming stagnant, we should be moving forward in the years to come to develop renewable energy. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will help us do just that, so I want to urge you and your colleagues to approve it.

I feel it's very important to develop renewable sources of power so that we can be self-sufficient. We shouldn't have to depend on foreign sources for oil. Instead, we should be able to make and supply our own energy. Not only is it just better to be able to rely on ourselves, but it will cost us less than having to depend on other countries, too. The Energy Center will be a good step toward that self-sufficiency.

The Energy Center will also bring employment opportunities--hundreds of construction jobs and at least 25 permanent jobs in the long term. Those new jobs will mean more money for residents of the county. That new money ultimately benefits the entire county. Something else that helps the whole county is the revenue the Center generates. That money can go toward needed services and help take some pressure off of taxpayers.

We are no longer in the 20th century. It's time to head into new horizons. It's time for new ideas and new and better things. If we keep moving forward, we'll keep making progress. We're bettering ourselves all the way around with new technological advances like the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. Please use your vote to make this progress happen.

Regards,

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am a longtime Spotsylvania County resident who works as a technical analyst. I sincerely appreciate how you advocated for us when our neighbor's burned-down home was not attended to in a timely fashion. Once you approached the fire department about this problem, it was cleaned up right away. That made a big difference in the quality of life in our neighborhood. Today, I am writing regarding another matter that will ultimately impact the quality of life of all Spotsylvania County residents: your support for the proposed sPower Solar Energy Center.

The Solar Energy Center will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in new revenue. It will be a tremendous help for the county to have additional income over what it is making now. That money could go toward the emergency services that we all rely on, as well as schools and parks and recreation. Fire and rescue could get more equipment and hire more people, which would enable them to make quicker responses. And the funds would certainly help education; the teachers are stressed since their salaries have been stagnant for so long. Any investment into the county's education system would be helpful.

The added revenue from this project could also help county residents by lowering property taxes. That would give us all money back that we could invest into the county in other ways. That would be beneficial across the board. Other individuals will benefit from the permanent job opportunities offered at the Solar Energy Center. Making new jobs available in our county will provide an alternative to residents driving to D.C., Richmond, or other locations. Then, people could work here locally and spend more time with their family because they won't have the long commute.

Further, I feel it is extremely important to strengthen America's energy independence with projects such as this one. If we don't pursue these opportunities, we will continue to be forced to rely on other countries for our energy sources. Outside entities currently control the oil supply, but we've got the ability to use renewable energy to advance our energy independence. We should take advantage of that.

I believe that any type of renewable energy is good both for the people and the environment. That makes approving this project a very good choice. This is a positive thing for future generations and the planet as a whole. Solar energy is clean and reusable, which allows us to avoid leaving behind the burdens we have inherited from generations before us--namely, fossil fuels and the mess they leave behind.

As someone who votes every year, I ask you to use your own vote to move the sPower Solar Energy Center project forward.

Sincerely,

Linnie Baker

December 22, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
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Dear Board Member Skinner,

I am reaching out to let you know that I support the sPower Solar Energy Center Project. I like the idea of bringing this positive change to our county. We have one planet and this is our chance to take care of it. The Center will bring in jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue. For all of these reasons, it's time for you and your colleagues to allow this project to become a reality.

The sPower project will benefit the county as a whole by providing funding to help improve the area's parks and schools. It could also help alleviate residents' tax burden. Lowered property taxes will mean more money in my pocket, and other residents will be similarly benefited. The project will create hundreds of construction jobs while it's being built and there will be additional permanent positions once it is in operation.

In closing, I would like to reiterate how important I feel it is that the sPower project will be good for the environment. And anything that is good for the environment is good for everyone. This is a positive change and it has to start somewhere. Why not now and why not this project? I sincerely hope you will use your vote to move the sPower Solar Energy Center Project forward.

Sincerely,

Reginald Ford

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Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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December 23, 2018

Dear Board Member Skinner,

Climate change is making a big difference on our planet. We are suffering because the air is becoming more polluted due to our reliance on fossil fuels. And, we're simply going to run out of them someday. Considering these facts, I believe the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a wonderful idea. It will help save the environment while creating jobs and substantial revenue for our county. Your support is needed if this project is to become a reality.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in additional income to the county. That money would go to the schools and the infrastructure, such as fire departments. The way Spotsylvania is growing, we're going to need at least one or two new schools in the coming years, so that money is truly required. I drive a bus for the school system; that funding will benefit a lot of us. The Center will also bring opportunities for local people to obtain and train for higher-paying jobs.

sPower has taken steps to address the concerns that some residents have raised. I believe they have proved that the panels will not raise the temperature. I feel the center won't create much traffic, and they'll probably even improve some of the roads that are out there. Moreover, this is something we genuinely need to do. Fossil fuels are too volatile, and taking them damages the earth. We need to put a stop to that. Clearly, solar is a much better alternative, and it is the direction that I'd love to see the whole country take.

We need to do this for the next generation that is already taking steps to go toward renewable energy. They understand what is happening and that we are ruining our environment. We must find the renewable sources and embrace them. We need to keep developing new technology so that we can use more of that energy and make it more efficient. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center accomplishes all of these things, so I implore you to give it your favorable vote.

Thank you,

Rose Miller

December 26, 2018

Board Member Gary Skinner  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Skinner,

As a school psychologist, I know that there's a great need for increased funding for our schools. It's hard to say no to the kind of benefit the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would bring. I'm in complete support of it, and I hope that you are, too. I would love to see the project move forward.

Renewable energy is good for everybody. Bringing in the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would be a great way to support renewable energy and promote economic development at the same time. I was surprised and delighted to hear that this project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue that can be used for our schools and emergency services. Additionally, it will bring new jobs to the area, which also puts more money into the economy. And these sound like *good* jobs for trained employees.

Developing renewable energy is intensely important for the entire world. It's especially important for America, given our population and our needs. Relying on foreign energy sources increases our chances of getting involved in foreign conflicts. Plus, it promotes pollution and other environmentally damaging practices. Embracing the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would allow us to contribute to our nation's energy independence.

I've lived in Spotsylvania County for 19 years, and I think it's important for Spotsylvania to look forward instead of relying on what's always been done. We need to do what is right, not what is convenient. I urge you to think about what will benefit the future. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring a lot of positive change to our area, so I implore you to vote in favor of it.

Sincerely,

Tamara Pfile-Stohr

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

The way I see it, newer and better technology is always a good thing. Newer and better technology can come to our county in the form of the sPower Solar Energy Center if the Board gives it their approval. Not only is it going to improve the conditions here, but the renewable, clean energy is a definite improvement from where we are now. Therefore, I want to urge you to vote in favor of the sPower plan.

The additional revenue created by the Solar Energy Center will make a big difference in funding for county services. I think it's fantastic that the revenue would be used for critical needs like fire and police. I'm a retired widow raising a grandchild, so it would really help me if I could save money on my property taxes due to this revenue increase.

Furthermore, we have a lot of unemployed people here in Spotsylvania County. It will be great for them to have the opportunity for jobs at the Solar Energy Center so they can support their families

Please consider all the good that the Solar Energy Center will do for both the people and the community. When you do, I'm sure you'll know that you should vote "yes" on this plan.

Regards,

Anita Casey

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I've lived in Spotsylvania for 40 years. I'm a preschool teacher, mother of two teenagers and a voting Republican. The future of our community and planet are very important to me. Making the switch to renewable solar energy is a step toward a cleaner, prosperous future. sPower is prepared to begin development on the proposed Solar Energy Center project as early as February 2019. I'm writing to encourage the board to avoid any delays on this fantastic initiative and vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center.

The Center will generate 700 construction jobs during development and an additional 30 jobs to maintain the site. Families in our community need jobs and knowing so many new jobs will be brought to Spotsylvania County with this project is something to look forward to. Families are also looking forward to a tax break from the hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue that is expected from the Solar Center. We could all use a little extra money in our pockets for sure. This project can definitely help lower our taxes and that's a huge benefit.

I was also quite impressed with the work they have already done in the community with STEM programs and other partnerships. I thought it was awesome that sPower committed millions of dollars to our schools, rescue squads and other public servants like firefighters and police officers. This project will be good for the whole area.

The Solar Energy Center is going to make a huge difference in our community. It's also great that we don't have to depend on someone else for our energy needs, because we can generate solar energy right here. We are well on our way to energy independence and that's awesome too.

I support the Solar Energy Center. I expect it to save us a lot of money in the long run. Please approve this project because it is a good thing for our environment and our community. I want a bright future full of clean renewable energy for my children and my students. Solar energy is the future.

Sincerely,

April Mason

December 22, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a Republican voter who is entirely in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. Solar energy is a good thing--not just in our county, but *everywhere* because it is a renewable resource. That means it can be replenished; we're not using it up, and it will still be here for our kids and grandkids. The Board has the opportunity to vote this project forward next month, and I want to encourage you to do just that.

In addition to generating more clean energy, the Center will bring a lot of benefits to the community. First, it will create more money for the local economy. That additional revenue could be used for a lot of things we need. The schools could certainly use more money. The project will create a big jump in revenues from property taxes that will result in quite a difference compared to what we have now. That could prevent taxes for individuals from going up and perhaps even help to raise property values.

This project will also bring in short-term construction jobs while it is being built and a number of permanent jobs afterward. Ultimately, up to 30 new full-time positions will be available, something that I think is phenomenal. We have a significant homeless and unemployed population, so any jobs coming in are beneficial.

The Center uses what we have to create energy for the future. It's not taking away from anything. The glare will be blocked from traffic, and it is not going to be a blot on the landscape. This is something renewable that will benefit our county, its residents, and future generations. There is no reason *not* to do this. Please do your part to ensure that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Carla Marvin

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a retired United States Marine and defense contractor who has lived in Spotsylvania County for 16 years. I am familiar with the sPower Solar Energy Center plan, and I support it because we need to have more renewable energy. Having solar power as an addition to coal, gas, and nuclear is a good thing for the economy and the environment alike. Therefore, I want to urge you to ensure that this project continues to move forward with your vote.

I was pleased to learn how substantial the revenue generation will be for the Energy Center project. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue can go a long way toward helping with schools, police, and fire, and that's a good thing. This project will help to fund our teachers better, which is something that we need, as they are underpaid. I have read that sPower will be putting solar panels on some schools, which will also help the county. I feel it's good to support the schools in any way that we can. We can also use the new money to fund things like road improvements.

Investing in this type of technology is a good thing. If the land that sPower proposes to build on is not being used for anything significant, then we should put it to good use. It will be good for the area, and it will also encourage other investors and companies to come here.

Additionally, I feel it would be good for America to become more energy independent. Anytime we depend on other countries or other powers for our energy needs, it increases our security risks—especially if we get into some type of dispute. Then, they can withhold things from us like what is happening with the trade wars with China right now. It's good for national security for us to become more energy self-reliant.

Further, the Energy Center is estimated to bring 700 construction jobs, as well as about 25 full-time positions. New jobs are always a good thing. Even though they will be temporary for the construction phase, it's still jobs that can put people to work for a little while. After that, 25 people will have a permanent position once the center is in operation.

Last, but certainly not least, considering all the global warming in the news, this is the type of project that should be supported. As a Republican who votes regularly, I ask you to cast your vote in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center plan.

Sincerely,

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

Solar energy is a good thing for our county. In this modern age, we have to find modern ways to develop clean renewable energy. sPower's plan to open the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is exactly what the county needs. I'm asking the board to vote for the project and set the standard for clean energy generation in Virginia.

The cost per kilowatt is getting so expensive these days, and any way that we can save money on energy will help. The property tax revenue from the Solar Center will help improve our schools, fund our police and fire departments, and lower our taxes. I just retired, so I'm looking forward to the tax relief this project will bring. The project is also going to generate hundreds of jobs, which will be great for the county, too.

We need diverse energy options, and it's important that we embrace solar energy. If the nuclear plant shuts down and our electricity cuts off, it's crucial that we have solar as an alternative. I like that solar is safe for the environment because it is a clean, renewable source of energy.

I'm a Republican who has lived in Spotsylvania for 10 years. I do some work around the county, and we've seen each other around town. I want the board to agree to this project because we need to push ahead on modern, emerging energy technology. Solar energy is the future and the sPower project is our chance to lead the way.

Sincerely,

Eric Arce

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

The Solar Energy Center project in Spotsylvania has a huge amount of potential for our state and county. I am a huge advocate of renewable energy, new technology, and revenue that will offer tax relief for residents. The county residents could really use some tax relief. The Board has the power to get us that relief by showing your support for the project and voting in favor of it.

The site for the Solar Energy Center is expected to generate \$600k in property tax revenue. That tax revenue can be used for schools, police, firefighters, and parks and recreation. I work for the government, and I understand that the officials have the final say on how the funds are allocated, but there is no question that these funds could benefit the public servants of our state.

There are a lot of places in the U.S. that could be used for renewable energy generation, and a lot of advocates spearheading the renewable energy cause. It's a huge benefit that sPower is interested in Spotsylvania for this project, and I'm grateful that they are bringing it in. With it, they are also bringing in hundreds of skilled trade jobs that Spotsylvania County could really use.

Our main objective should be to stop using fossil fuels. Solar energy goes a long way towards that goal. There's a lot of new technology for solar energy out there that is not being used, and it would be outrageous to deny this opportunity. I've been in Spotsylvania for 20 years, so I know opportunities like this don't come along often. I'm encouraging the Board of Supervisors to strike while the iron is hot, and vote yes to the Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

David Mosier

## **Elizabeth Wright**

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December 21, 2018

Board Member Paul D. Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I have lived in Virginia for over 50 years, and my children and grandchildren also live in Spotsylvania County. I care about our area and always vote in elections. I think the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would have a positive impact on our county and our local economy, so I encourage you to give it your support.

Our population is growing, so we need more energy. If that energy can be generated through solar rather than through other means, it would be better for the environment. I know of several businesses that use solar panels, and I know people in Maryland who can rent solar panels for their homes. Solar is getting better as an energy source, and it's essential to invest in it.

We are fortunate as a country to have so many energy resources, but most are harmful to the environment. For example, we ship oil and gas through pipelines that break and develop leaks. Turning to solar energy would reduce our dependence on those harmful forms of energy and replace it with clean, safe energy instead.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would also help our economy by generating property taxes and creating jobs. Bringing that kind of money into this small county would make a huge difference. Most people here have to live in a planned community to have the recreational services that are available in other areas. We have parks, but we don't have the community facilities that other areas do. It would be great if the county could use some of the property taxes from the center to provide more recreational services for seniors.

It is imperative to develop renewable energy, and Spotsylvania County has the opportunity to do that with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. It will provide us with clean energy, improve our economy, and possibly allow us to invest in public services to help our residents. I urge you to give this project your full support and help it to move forward.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wright

December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a 2 1/2 year resident of Spotsylvania County and I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. I have been a supporter of solar power for a long time and am enthusiastic about solar energy coming to our county. I vote regularly and believe that taking a stand for our environment is important. I hope you and your colleagues agree and will do whatever it takes to bring solar energy here.

There are people in Spotsylvania who need jobs and the Solar Energy Center will create hundreds of them during construction. After that, it will need more than 25 full-time employees to keep the Center running. That alone is a great reason to support this project. The boost in employment and, in turn, spending will bolster our community.

Another great benefit of having the Energy Center would be the additional tax revenue generated. Some of the property tax burdens on citizens will be reduced because of the tax revenue generated from the Center. More importantly, tax revenue would go toward funding emergency services, parks, and schools. As a teacher, I would see the benefits from this project directly through the funding for our schools.

It is very important that we move toward sustainable energy sources and away from coal and oil. It's better for the environment and for Spotsylvania County. I want our county to embrace and invest in solar energy. There are so many long-term benefits.

Please look to the future and not at short-term solutions for our energy problems. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will benefit our economics, environment, and our children, and I hope this project will get your vote.

Sincerely,

Emily Szentgyorgyi

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a registered nurse and mother who has lived in Spotsylvania County for more than a decade. I support developing green energy and renewable energy. I also support anything that will improve the lives and future of people in an environmentally responsible way. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project will do all of these things. So, I am in favor of this plan, and I hope you will vote to approve it.

I believe it's a good idea to expand energy sources and not become dependent on any one source. If we continue to operate on the status quo of fossil fuel use, then things will continue to be done in a suboptimal way. We shouldn't pour dollars into something that isn't working. This project will be a step in the right direction for our county and the nation. It will improve energy sources rather than moving us backward. It could also provide resources and incentive for expansion, growth, development, and improvements on every level--including things like infrastructure and roads.

Additionally, the Energy Center will take advantage of two areas of the employment pyramid: people who work in construction will get a boost from the hundreds of positions that will be available during the Center's development; those with a more specialized skill set will find new opportunities in the 25 or so permanent positions offered during the Center's operation. The job growth will be a bonus for our area, and the economy will be improved. The added revenue from this project could even lower the tax burden. And more money in people's pockets means more money for making improvements, upgrading, and modernizing.

Considering the many benefits of this project, I believe it will be worth the time and investment to get it going. It's just a win-win situation. As a regular voter, I ask you to lend your support to the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and vote for its approval.

Sincerely,

Erika Hadeed

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

As we move forward into the future, we have to look for alternative energy. We need to be more energy efficient and supply our own sources. The proposed sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will allow us to do so. It will also generate millions of dollars in new revenue for the county. I urge you support the sPower plan when it comes up for a vote.

I support this plan because I am in favor of solar energy in general. Plus, I think it's a very good idea to put the tax revenue it will generate toward local services. It would be great if this income could help to control our property taxes. I would also be pleased to see some of the revenue going toward increasing teachers' pay.

Solar is simply a good option. In the wintertime and nighttime, a solar bank can save energy while also being replenished. Solar energy has much to offer, and I hope you and your colleagues will encourage its development by voting the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center plan forward.

Sincerely,

Francis Hayden

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

Solar energy is the future. The future is now, and we should embrace it. You can do just that by voting for the sPower Solar Energy Center Project.

I believe it is vital to our future to develop renewable energy. Every day, we see examples of climate change. Storms are getting stronger, there are tornadoes in December and Chesapeake Bay is flooding as the seas are rising. Taking advantage of renewable energy could help mitigate all of these disconcerting trends.

In addition to allowing us to pursue renewable energy, this project will generate tax revenue that will be a boon to the county. I am in favor of using these revenues for funding local services. In particular, I'd like to see teachers being paid more. If we can improve our schools, more people will stay here to raise their families.

All residents would benefit from better-funded emergency services. This revenue could even take property taxes down or at least keep them from increasing too much from one year to another.

Pursuing our own renewable energy means we don't have to depend on anybody. We can just get it from the sun, and it couldn't be any simpler than that. Just as we are putting ourselves at risk with climate change, war elsewhere in the world could also have ill effects here if we continue to depend on foreign countries. We are protecting ourselves in more ways than one by pursuing solar energy.

The more we can invest in ourselves, the better we will be in the future. Anytime we embrace ideas like renewable energy, we bring long-term rewards such as further investments, additional development, and increased attendance at our schools and universities. Ultimately, we will have even more innovation thanks to this project because people are attracted to places that are progressive.

This project is a step in the right direction for the county, and that bodes well for its future. As a regular voter and a twenty year resident of Spotsylvania County, I urge you to say yes to the sPower Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Hector Jones

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December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a longtime Virginia resident who formerly worked at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division. I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project because it will bring in jobs and renewable energy. It will also generate substantial revenue for the county. The project will be good for the area overall, so I hope you'll give it your approval.

First and foremost, I think the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center would be good because it uses renewable energy. That means they don't have to have a coal or petrol system to generate power. I am also pleased that hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue will be coming into the county. I sincerely hope the extra money will go toward supporting critical services. Our local fire and rescue services need help, so they will benefit greatly from increased funding.

I participate in elections every time I have a chance to vote. Now, you have the opportunity to use your vote to make this project a reality. I encourage you to do just that.

Sincerely,

Howard Coleman



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December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a longtime Spotsylvania resident and regular voter who supports solar power. Thus, I support the sPower Solar Energy Center project as it will generate clean energy from this renewable source. It will also produce jobs, create substantial revenue for the county, and possibly even lower residents' taxes. For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of the sPower plan.

I like the sPower project because it is clean and green. Building a solar farm is certainly better than building a nuclear power plant. I think that's especially true when you compare the solar farm to the land that a nuclear plant takes and the potential environmental issues that can arise from it.

The sPower project will also help us work toward energy independence, which is an important goal for us to have. We never know when we'll need more renewable energy of our own instead of relying on the foreign sources that we do now. Those other sources could play out, or the cost could rise. There are also national security issues to consider.

Further, the sPower project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue for the county. That money could go toward providing funding for schools and other projects like roads. I'm in favor of any additional revenue coming into the county that would reduce taxes or at least mitigate further increases.

Solar energy is just a better way to go. It is time for us to embrace the future, and the future is clean, green energy. Please say vote "yes" on the sPower plan.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Harris

December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I've been living in Spotsylvania for 15 years, and I think it's great that we are finally opening up to clean energy options. We all need energy, and we all need power, but there is a safer way to go about generating it while protecting the environment. We have to look at better ways to accomplish the same goals. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project provides a way to do that. Now, it's up to the Board of Supervisors vote yes and allow it to move forward.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring more revenue and jobs to the area without tapping into the county budget to run it. In fact, the county will see \$600,000 per year in property tax revenue. The county is running behind the curve on innovation and enhancements to our schools and public services. Those of us with children are looking forward to those funds being put to good use.

Solar energy is helpful to the environment, and I see that as the biggest benefit. I'm all for creating clean, renewable energy while preserving the environment. I'm also in favor of the jobs that will be created during the development phase. It's time to get more people working and contributing to the local economy.

Our country is still relying on gas and oil from foreign countries, and that is helping their economy, not ours. Generating our own renewable energy is a great idea, and it is the way of the future. I'm hopeful that the Board will do the right thing, make the right decision, and do what's best for everybody by voting in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

James Taylor

**Joanne Rahm**  
6604 Willow Pond Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am 100% in favor of developing sustainable energy. We need to be progressive and invest in this technology because it is the future. As a school counselor, I am also very in favor of increasing funding to our schools. Since the sPower Solar Energy Center project will accomplish both of these things, I support it. I hope you will do the same with your vote.

I'm glad to hear that the Solar Energy Center will go a long way toward getting more revenue coming into the county--\$600,000 a year to be exact. More revenue means more funding to spread around where it's needed. And, without a doubt, funding is needed in our schools.

Further, the Solar Energy Center will offer hundreds of short-term jobs in construction. Once it is finished, another 25 to 30 permanent, full-time jobs will be available. If we want our kids to finish college and come back to live here, offering more jobs is certainly a good thing.

Solar is a clean energy source that is always available. This project develops the technology we need in order to use that source. That's the direction our country and every country should be going in. As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident who votes in every election, I ask you to vote yes to the sPower Solar Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Joanne Rahm

Juan Garcia  
5503 Tallow Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

Spotsylvania County has the opportunity to embrace solar technology that is better than the traditional way of producing energy. By approving the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, we can produce energy that is cleaner than the current technology we are using. The Center will also generate revenue that will be good for the county. Your favorable vote will help make those positive changes happen.

We need to keep moving on to cleaner energy-producing technologies. Then, we will be able to decrease our dependence on foreign oil. As it is now, we are exporting money that should be invested here in our country. The way we depend on foreign oil sources also has a negative impact on national security. Moving forward with projects like the Center could help mitigate that.

The revenue from the Center will help our county in several ways. First, it could go toward local services. Funding our first responders well would mean better safety for everyone. The money could also be used for improving our schools. Second, this revenue could help keep local taxes under control, preventing the increases we face from time to time. That will help all of us, as well.

We need to keep moving forward and do what is best for our county and the environment. We should do whatever it takes to have a more effective method of producing energy--one that's cleaner and better for the environment, that can also benefit the area. That's just what the sPower project accomplishes, so please say "yes" to it when the opportunity arises to cast your vote.

Sincerely,

Juan Garcia

10505 Cobblestone Drive ¶ Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I read about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project on the Internet last week. I'm writing to encourage you to vote in favor of this project coming to our county. Solar energy is going to be the future, so let's get in on the ground floor of that while we can!

It makes a lot of sense to put this unused land in Spotsylvania County to good use, especially when it will generate tax revenue for the area. No one minds lower taxes, and the Solar Energy Center will help reduce our individual tax burdens. The tax revenue generated from this project will help provide money for emergency services. It will also potentially help us not have another increase in property taxes to cover those services.

Whether or not you believe in global warming, utilizing renewable resources like solar energy over fossil fuels only makes environmental, as well as economic, sense for our future. We need to be proactive about taking care of our environment, and relying on foreign sources for energy raises the cost of gasoline and everything else.

Finally, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring new jobs to our county. More jobs are good, and having lower unemployment rates benefits the community and even gives people the chance to start a career. I would like to see more businesses come to Spotsylvania, so why not start with the Solar Energy Center?

Finally, I ask you and the Board of Supervisors this: how can anyone argue against clean energy, no pollution, and benefiting our community economically? I certainly cannot. As a resident of Spotsylvania for over 22 years and an active voter, I am asking you to please vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center project.

Regards,

Kevin Hutchings

Rodney Thompson  
11533 Ashby Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 22, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I work in recycling, so the idea of using renewable resources is of interest to me. So, I was excited to learn about the proposed solar energy project here in Spotsylvania County. The sPower Solar Energy Center will be a positive thing for our entire county, not only by bringing in renewable energy technology but also by creating additional revenue and providing jobs. I hope you'll help make this project happen with your vote.

I am glad that the sPower project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue that will go toward funding critical needs such as emergency services. In addition to the tax revenue, sPower will contribute toward the funding of other services like our schools and parks. If they can help put more schools here, I think it's great! Plus, having that extra money coming in may lower residents' tax bills. It will help me a great deal if I don't have to pay so much in property taxes.

It's a huge benefit that more local full-time jobs will be created by this project. I have had to travel a significant distance to go to work in northern Virginia every day, so I know what it's like to have to commute. By creating up to 30 jobs here in Spotsylvania County, it will cut down on other people having to commute. Instead, they could get a job that's just 10 or 15 minutes away and in turn that will save on gas!

The sPower Solar Energy Center is going to bring jobs and make our county better, so it's time to get it going! We need to stop delaying and make forward progress. If we do, perhaps other counties will follow suit! But first, you and your colleagues need to vote in favor of this plan and allow it to get started!

Sincerely,

Rodney Thompson

Shawn Fitterer  
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Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 26, 2018

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I believe solar energy is a good idea, so I am supportive of the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. On top of the environmental reasons to favor this plan, I am also pleased that it will bring in new jobs. I feel the Center deserves support for that simple fact alone, but when combined with the environmental benefits, it's a win-win for all of us. I hope you'll reflect that fact in how you choose to vote next month.

The Center will create 700 short-term construction jobs and add another 25 permanent positions once operation commences. The economic benefits do not stop there: the Center will also generate about \$600,000 in annual tax revenue. It would be really good for the area if these funds go toward local services. It will also benefit individuals if their property taxes can be kept in check thanks to all of this extra revenue.

Renewable energy is not just a county issue or even a national issue; this is a *world* issue. We need to stop mining resources and burning things to make energy. Instead, we need to focus on the renewable sources we have been given. The sun is there in abundance and will be there throughout our lives. We should take advantage of this opportunity to use it and create power in a clean, non-destructive way.

The sPower Solar Energy Center has the potential to do a lot of good for us. As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I ask you to look to the future and vote for this plan.

Best,

Shawn Fitterer

Shirley Taylor-Davis  
6109 Loriella Park Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I've lived in Spotsylvania County for about 25 years, and I always vote in local elections. I am reaching out today to share my thoughts on the sPower solar energy project. I think it's wonderful that this project will provide economic development, tax dollars, and employment opportunities to Spotsylvania County. Promoting change is always good for the community and the world. You and your colleagues can create positive change by voting in favor of the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

The sPower project will boost economic growth for the county and its residents. I'm excited that it will bring jobs to the area. It will also create hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue that could be used to help the the community. I am both a mother and a teacher, so I am all for growth in schools, technology, better books, supporting our teachers, and retaining great teachers. Better schools will make our students stronger and prepare them for the future. That's always a good thing.

The funding generated by the sPower project could also help facilitate lasting relationships between the police and other service workers. Having competent firefighters and other community resources for residents is extraordinary. That is what we want and what we need. We also need recreation services for our children, like sports leagues, so they can do something other than play video games. We should all get the chance to experience change and enjoy a better quality of life, and this project will ultimately help make that happen.

Moreover, renewable energy is truly something we need to develop and use. We are running out of non-renewable resources, so we need to find other ways to keep ourselves going. If we run out of resources, how are we going to maintain life? We can thrive as humans by taking advantage of renewable resources. We have to keep up with global America and the changing of the guard. Thus, we need to take advantage of the technology this project will bring. The county, our children, our residents, and the future leaders of America *all* need this technology.

In closing, I ask you this: How can we go wrong by approving this project? It will only bring good things to our county, our community, and our nation as a whole. I urge you and your colleagues to embrace change and use your votes to bring the sPower Solar Energy Center project into fruition.

Regards,

Shirley Taylor-Davis



Thomas Gordon  
10607 Cobblestone Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

December 21, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

As a realist, I know that our traditional energy resources are eventually going to run out. We must look for newer, better and more efficient ways to live our lives. I believe that solar energy is an avenue that would be viable to the future of Americans now and long after I'm gone. Thus, I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project and want to encourage you to do the same.

To me, one of the best benefits of the project is that the tax revenue will support local services. Our teachers, as well as our firefighters and police officers, are very underpaid. I know many people in those occupations. The money they receive is substandard for the job that they do.

There isn't enough money for raises or to provide more help where it's needed. A revenue stream coming into the county from the Center will help us continue to provide services and get money coming in to fund amenities, supplies and the labor force that they need to provide the services that they do.

I also believe the Solar Energy Center will good for national security as it will reduce our dependence on foreign oil sources. We need to be more self-sufficient rather than relying on other countries to support us. After all, one day the supply is going to be cut off. When that happens, we will need somewhere to turn, and these renewable energy sources will be the answer.

There will also be immediate economic benefits from the project. During the construction phase, hundreds of people will come to build the Center and will be staying here. While here, they will need to buy food and clothing. All of that spending will give our local economy a boost.

I grew up around coal mines, and they destroy the earth. If we continue to harm the environment, it's a death sentence for residents and the entire planet. Conversely, this source goes on and doesn't use other resources to make the machine move. Once the Energy Center is built, it will be there and be continually used, and we won't continue to harm the planet.

We can't keep doing what we're doing. If we can use a renewable resource like energy with a renewable source like the sun or wind, it's the way to go. Please help ensure this project moves forward by casting your vote in favor of it.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gordon

December 23, 2018

Board Member Paul Trampe  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Trampe,

I am a Republican voter who believes the sPower solar energy project will be good for our county. It will create new employment opportunities and generate significant revenue, in addition to bringing several other important benefits to the area. I am reaching out to let you know that I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and to encourage you to cast your vote in favor of it.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will create jobs, bring in money to the county, and help to reduce our dependence on foreign oils. People who are unemployed at this time will have new employment opportunities if the Center is built. It will also generate money that can stay in our county to fund local services. Finally, it will help us become more reliant on ourselves rather than outside sources.

We're trying to improve our carbon footprint as a people, and this will be a big step toward doing that. Without a doubt, this is the direction the entire country should be going in. Let's take the lead and build the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

William Cron

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Adrienne Hughes  
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December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I believe we need to focus more on alternative energy and get away from fossil fuels. Solar energy is the wave of the future, and it's something in which we should invest. The county has the opportunity to bring this technology to the area by approving the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. Thus, I'm writing to encourage you to do just that.

Not only will the Energy Center allow us to move toward solar energy, but it will also create new jobs and bring in substantial revenue. Those extra funds could be used to help pay for county services, including schools. I taught for 12 years in public schools, and I know that teachers here are paid a very low wage compared to other states.

Hopefully, the extra revenue from the Energy Center property taxes could help change that. It would also be a wonderful thing if the revenue could help lower *our* property taxes.

The Energy Center can only move forward if you and your colleagues on the Board approve it. I encourage you to have an open mind and give solar energy a chance in Spotsylvania County.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Hughes

December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am all for the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center as it will create jobs and generate clean energy. What more could we ask for? Well, there is more: hundreds of thousands of dollars in new revenue! For these reasons, I have written this letter to encourage you to cast your vote in favor of the Solar Energy Center.

The additional revenue from this project has the potential to help our county and its residents. It would be a great thing to use the money wisely and fund things like police and emergency services. sPower will contribute even more money toward schools and parks and recreation. I think anything they do to help the county is wonderful. As many as 30 jobs will be created, and that's a good thing too!

It's so important to pursue clean energy with projects such as this one. Since solar energy doesn't pollute or harm the environment, it's what I'd like to see our county and our country do going forward.

Since you are a Board of Supervisors member, you are there for the people. The sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is what the people want, so you should vote for it. As a lifelong resident and voting Republican, I urge you to do just that.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Horton

Dorothy Horton  
459 Laurel Avenue  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Sidney O'Neal | 11805 Harris Mill Court | Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am a Republican voter who works for the government. I support alternative energy and believe it is very important to develop it. We are going to have to get off of fossil fuels eventually. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will help us do just that. Plus, it's not going to cost the county a thing and will bring in a lot of revenue. Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of this project.

I like that the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is going to bring money in and help the economy without being subsidized by the government. We should take the property tax money it generates and put it toward schools, firefighters and police. The county should pay them more! The hundreds of construction jobs the project will bring are also plus, and the long-term, high-tech permanent positions will be great for Spotsylvania.

We're changing the earth by continuing to use fossil fuels the way that we are. While we can't wean ourselves off of fossil fuels instantaneously, this project is most certainly a positive step toward the goal of doing so. I hope that you and your colleagues will allow our county to take this step. Please vote "yes" when this matter is presented to you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Sidney O'Neal

December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I've been in favor of the sPower Solar Energy Center Project all along. I've even signed up on Facebook to follow and support the cause. Not only will the Solar Center create an alternative energy source for us, it will also generate more jobs in the county. I think it is great for Spotsylvania, and it would be great if the Board would support sPower's plan and vote for the project next month.

With the Solar Energy Center up and running, we will have an additional energy source moving forward. The Center will generate additional tax revenue that can go towards the school system. I have grandchildren in school here, and the schools need all the support they can get.

Although I'm retired from the U.S. Coast Guard, as a Republican and a 10 year resident of Spotsylvania I'm still very invested in the state of our economy and our job market. Solar Energy is clean energy, and we have an opportunity to bring better jobs to the area because of this project. sPower has also already secured alliances with major corporations to purchase energy from the Center. The downstream benefits of this project can't be understated.

The county is in a position to support this project and educate the residents and people of the community about the benefits of solar energy. The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a worthwhile effort to get behind. Vote for the Solar Energy Center to move forward because it will do nothing but good for the county and the state.

Sincerely,

Donnie Mercer

**Donnie Mercer**  
5104 Sewells Pointe Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I appreciate your visits to my community to speak to the residents. It has been a pleasure chatting with you on these occasions. I have already contacted the Board of Supervisors regarding my thoughts on the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project. I am reaching out today to reaffirm my support of this plan in the hope that you will vote in its favor.

In addition to allowing us the opportunity to develop renewable energy, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is expected to generate about \$600,000 in property tax revenue each year. That fact convinces me it would be foolish to waste this opportunity. Not only could that money fund critical services, but it could also help residents save money on their tax bills. In turn, they may spend more at local businesses. Further, a lot of people need the jobs that this project will bring. Ultimately, the Center will contribute toward growth and boost the economy overall.

I've lived in Spotsylvania for 30 years, and supporting this just seems to be common sense to me. This project is full of positives, and there is no reason not to move forward. Please vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Ben Sager

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Ben Sager  
5432 E Rich Mountain Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I'm definitely in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project moving forward. We have to get clean energy, and we have to utilize solar energy. Without clean energy, the Earth will become uninhabitable, and it won't be that far from now. sPower is ready to start development of the center as soon as the Board gives the approval to move forward. I want to encourage you and your colleagues to vote for the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

It's critical that we develop renewable energy sources. We are so close to complete and utter environmental destruction, and we don't have time to mess around. Solar energy technology has improved considerably over the past several years, and it's time we take advantage of it.

Not only has sPower outlined a comprehensive plan for this project, but they are investing \$600 million into our community, and have earmarked \$15 million for schools, parks, and recreation. Honestly, what's not to like about the tax revenue from the site funding the budgets for our school systems and public servants? Everybody wins with this plan.

Our country gets entangled in bad politics because of our reliance on foreign energy. The Solar Energy Center is going to contribute to our country's energy independence while creating hundreds of jobs during development and 25-30 permanent jobs. It's always good to have productive jobs and access to emerging technology. There's a lot of land in Spotsylvania County, and I'm impressed with the work sPower is putting into preserving the integrity of the site.

I'm retired from the federal government, and I've lived in Spotsylvania County since 1994. It's good for the county to get out in front of the clean energy wave by approving this project. I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting the Board to green light the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. Please do the right thing: vote yes, and get this project moving full speed ahead.

Sincerely,

Bernard Smith

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Fredericksburg, VA 22407



Bessie Evanchyk  
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December 21, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I am reaching out to let you know that I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. I believe we'll be seeing more and more of this kind of thing all over the country, so I think it's time for someone to stand up and alleviate the objections that people have about this project. Perhaps some people here are afraid of change, but I think the Solar Energy Center should move forward; I hope the Board will ensure that it does.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring increased revenue to our county, which will support local services. Our fire and rescue need to be supported as they are a critical need for the county. The same can be said for our schools. The county has grown so much that these services are more critical than ever. We have teachers who go out and spend their own money to buy supplies and other items, and that needs to change. We should be in a position to maintain our parks, as well. The additional revenue will also help me on a personal level: I am retired, and on a fixed income, so reduced property taxes would be a good thing.

We have to look at other means for energy because we are too reliant on power plants. I think of how other states are using solar panels, and it bodes well for this project. This is an example of the kind of innovation we can move forward with, so we can choose a better route for energy sources. In the world's most powerful nation, we should not be so dependent on outside sources for our fuel. Opening the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Bessie Evanchyk

December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a wonderful opportunity for Spotsylvania County, and I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want to take advantage of it. The Energy Center will provide a renewable way to get needed energy while generating money for local services and creating new jobs. I urge you to think of these many benefits as you consider how you are going to vote on the sPower project.

As far as I'm concerned, solar power is far preferable to a nuclear power plant. Solar can do anything that traditional energy sources can, so why *wouldn't* we choose to use it? It's a cleaner resource, and it will keep our communities, our lakes, our waters, and our resources from getting worse. Some of our resources are in bad shape now, but that doesn't mean it's too late to take action. This effort has got to help, and it certainly can't hurt!

It's fantastic that money generated by the project will go toward local services. Perhaps that funding will make the services more accessible to the residents of Spotsylvania County. It could also help reduce our property taxes. I'm retired after working as a government civilian for the Army for 31 years. If my taxes are lowered, then I will have more to put in savings for my children or to do something special for my husband or myself.

When I heard hundreds of new construction jobs would be created to get the Energy Center built, I thought it was great. Anytime you've got that many jobs, it will put a lot of folks to work, and they'll have more money to spend or pay bills. That helps the overall economy, as well. After the project enters its operation phase, 25 permanent, full-time jobs will remain, putting money into the community and giving people the opportunity to work and enrich their lives.

In closing, I ask you to look at how many people are for this project. I think the numbers in themselves will show that this is the way to go for the county. I hope that you will vote for this project since it is what your constituents are looking for. As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I ask you to say yes to the sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Carla Maiden

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## Catherine Lampert

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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I've lived in Virginia for sixty years and in Spotsylvania County for eleven years. I am a regular voter who has always been in favor of wind and solar power. It's time for our nation to start moving away from fossil fuels. Drilling down into the core of our earth is destructive, and we need to provide our planet some relief. Solar energy is the way to go for the future, so I urge you to help ensure the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project moves forward.

Not only will the Center decrease digging for fossil fuels, but it will also bring in new jobs. That can only be good for the county! Young people are having a hard time finding jobs, and I feel it would be a wonderful thing for the Center to offer new employment opportunities. Whenever someone is employed, it benefits everybody because the workers will be able to pay their taxes while supporting their family.

The revenue from the Center will also help fund local services. We all have a heavy tax burden, so it would be nice to get some relief. There are a lot of infrastructures that need to be taken care of, such as road repairs, and this revenue could make a big difference. It could also help fund fire and rescue services, which have a huge burden in keeping up with their equipment and salaries. As a senior, I've already had to use fire and rescue services, and it would be nice to see them get more revenue for what they do.

Solar energy is renewable, it's there all the time, and it doesn't cost the environment anything. Frankly, I don't understand any argument against this project. We need to take advantage of this opportunity and do what's right for our county and the planet. When the time comes, please cast your vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lampert

## From the desk of...

Cheryll Lesser  
9520 Charlesfield Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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December 22, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident and a regular voter, I am reaching out to let you know that I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. First and foremost, I like that it will generate clean energy, thereby offsetting 825,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. That environmental benefit alone is sufficient motivation to support this project, but when I also consider the jobs and the financial benefits for the county, I am confident this project should move forward. I hope you'll help to ensure that it does.

The Energy Center will bring in 700 new jobs during construction, and once it is in operation, there will be 25 to 30 full-time positions. I think that's awesome. It's good for everybody if more jobs are created here in Spotsylvania. A lot of people in the area have to travel to D.C. to work, so it would be nice to have some good jobs here for people who don't want such a long commute.

Further, the project will generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue. That money could be used to fund the local schools, as well as other critical services. I live close to an elementary school, and I would certainly like to see it getting more funding, along with our other local schools. My son recently graduated from high school and now attends Germanna Community College, which has partnered with sPower for this project.

By moving forward with this, we're going to be helping the environment while creating jobs and bringing in more money to our county. Please say "yes" to the sPower project when the time comes to cast your vote.

Regards,

Cheryll Lesser

Christopher Trent | 12106 Kingswood Boulevard | Fredericksburg, VA 22408

December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

As someone who works in the electricity industry, I wanted to take a moment to share my thoughts on a proposed solar energy project. I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center for a number of reasons. First, it will bring money to the county in the form of tax revenue. Second, it will provide a better source for making electricity. Third, it will create jobs that are needed in the county. Considering these many benefits, I want to urge you and your colleagues to vote in favor of this project.

Currently, the land for the Center is generating \$20,000 in property taxes annually. If the Center is built, it will generate **\$600,000** in revenue each year. I feel very good about taking land that is not generating a sizable amount of revenue and turning it into a larger, steady income. That steady income could help lower property taxes for residents like me. It would be good to save some money and be able to enjoy a few more things in life! The county could also use those funds to improve schools, roads or other utilities that the public needs.

As you can see, the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will bring many good things to our county and its residents. Please lend it your full support.

Sincerely,

Christopher Trent

December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am reaching out to ask for your support for sPower solar energy project being proposed to the Board of Supervisors. I believe solar energy is the way to go, so I want to see our county investing in solar technology rather than less preferable energy sources. The fact is nuclear power is dangerous; we could end up being a wasteland if something goes wrong. Solar is a safe alternative, and taking advantage of it with the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will allow the county to reap many rewards.

In addition to allowing us to pursue renewable energy, this project will generate substantial revenue that would stay here in our county. I'd love to see that money being used for services like schools and police, especially since our first responders need better equipment. We have people who are volunteering to help their community in addition to working a full-time job. We need to be using some of those funds to help them out!

Hopefully, that extra revenue would ultimately be passed on to the taxpayer in the form of lower property taxes. Plus, I think it's fantastic that 700 construction jobs will be generated during the construction phase of this project. The 30 jobs will be a plus for the community as well. Anytime we can make more job opportunities available, it means there are fewer people relying on government assistance.

I am retired from the United States Navy, and I believe we need to get ourselves independent from foreign gas and oil. This project will help us work toward no longer being dependent on countries like Saudi Arabia for energy resources. Let them keep their oil! I would like for us to be independent of foreign *anything*. If we can get it to where we're not reliant on having everything sent from overseas, then it's got to be a step in the right direction.

Please look at the benefits of this project for the county and the entire country. We cannot go wrong by bringing jobs and clean energy into the community. Moving forward with this project is clearly the right choice. As someone who votes in every election, I ask you to use your vote to ensure the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Deborah Porter

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Deborah Porter  
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December 26, 2018

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Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
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Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I have a master's degree in geophysics, and I've worked in the oil industry. I would love for our county to move forward with developing solar energy. Therefore, I am extremely excited about the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project. I cannot think of a better thing to do than to take advantage of solar energy. That is why I am reaching out to urge you to support this project and cast your vote in favor of it.

My career and education have taken me from working on a field crew to doing subsurface imagery. I also worked on the environmental side of things. I've done everything from getting oil out of the ground to cleaning it up again. Having more choices is the best thing when it comes to energy production. You have to have a variety because when any one system is really stressed it hits the economy a lot faster. More is better, so I am all for more options--options like solar energy from sPower.

We are in a prime location to demonstrate that Virginia can support multiple forms of energy sourcing, which means we don't have to be quite so dependent on things like coal and gas. This project is a way that we can add to the options. Perhaps if we demonstrate this project's advantages, cities around us that have higher energy consumption could follow suit. The ideas we use could be implemented elsewhere once we show they are viable here!

Furthermore, we need to support this major commercial enterprise so we can have the revenue it will bring. This project is expected to bring in about \$600,000 each year, and that money can go toward local services. A better balance of commercial land is a good idea, and this a step toward that. It is proactive to add this corporate revenue to help fund the services that we all need and enjoy, services that may not be adequately funded otherwise. This project adds a great balance to our portfolio as far as tax revenue goes.

I would like the biggest revenue contribution from this project to go to our parks and recreation. I've been through the system with my kids. We have tremendous talent in our area, and a lot of parents have to travel to get their kids to the opportunities they deserve. This money could improve the system by having more opportunities close by. That would save families money and create a sense of community.

Every day we need more energy than we did the day before. So, if we have a local source of solar power, then we should use it! Energy drives the economy and is responsible for all of its fluctuations. Without it, we become a Second World economy. Thus, we can't go wrong by investing in this technology. Please say yes to the Solar Energy Center and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Regards,

Elizabeth Granger

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December 29, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am in favor of solar energy, and the Solar Energy Center in Spotsylvania will be good for everyone in every county, not just Spotsylvania. Solar is an auxiliary source of power and it's unlimited. Now is the time to take advantage of this technology, and now is also the time for the Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of this project moving forward.

We have the nuclear power plant by the lake here, and I remember when it had to shut down because an earthquake affected a reactor over there. I support clean energy because all other traditional energy sources cause pollution and some are even dangerous. Unlike nuclear, the impacts of solar energy are positive. I've traveled to California, and I saw a lot of development for solar energy farms. I haven't seen any on the east coast, so Virginia will be a leader in setting the renewable energy standard over here.

The Center will generate funds that can be used for police and firefighters, as well as schools. We will also be able to make sure parks and recreation centers are well maintained because of this additional revenue. With the appropriate tax write-offs in place, taxpayers may save some money too.

I'm an electrician and I've been in Virginia for 13 years, with most of that time in Spotsylvania County. The Solar Center construction will create 700 blue collar jobs, which is good. I want to see more businesses bring more renewable energy projects to this area and create more jobs here. The more jobs the better.

Everybody should say okay to this project. Many countries in Europe have used solar successfully. This technology is not something new. In fact, it's been in place nearly 20 years in these other countries. When you do your research, you will find that it is easy, clean, renewable energy, and the choice to vote yes should be simple.

Sincerely,

Ionut Lupu Pitulice



December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I'm a retired government employee who has lived in Spotsylvania County since 2004. I'm in favor of investing in future technology, so I support the proposed Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. It brings taxes and jobs, and lessens our load on burning fossil fuels. This is the direction our county should go, so I encourage you to vote in favor of this project.

I don't see any negative environmental impact arising from this project. It's just a large piece of grass with solar panels on it. No one will even be able to see it! Oil runs out, so turning to renewable energy is a good thing. If we're not burning fossil fuels, we won't increase pollution or carbon dioxide. In fact, we'll *decrease* carbon dioxide in the long run.

This project will also generate \$600,000 in tax revenue. More tax revenue is always good. Our county is growing, so that will help with our increased needs. The fire and police departments especially need more funding. Additionally, the project will bring in new jobs, and that will help our local economy, too.

If Spotsylvania County moves forward with this project, we can be the first on the block to do it. That will give us some good coverage and favorable press. Maybe it will even lead some people to invest here so that we don't all have to commute to Washington, D.C. in the mornings! There are a lot of benefits for Spotsylvania County within our reach. Please cast your vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center so we can start enjoying them.

Thank you,

James Strohecker  
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Jeffrey Nettles  
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December 22, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am a retired federal government automation clerk and a Republican. I am reaching out today to let you know that I am in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center. This project will bring 700 jobs during construction and additional full-time positions once it's in operation. Plus, it will generate millions of dollars in new revenue for the county and its residents. Considering these benefits, it's clear to me that the Board should vote this project forward.

I think the job creation that the Center will bring is a beautiful thing. It will really benefit the county to have new permanent jobs available. The additional tax revenue will be really good for the community, as well. It will be a boon for the money to go toward our county services such as schools and police. The extra revenue could also give individuals a break on their property taxes.

As you can see, this project is a good thing for all of us. Please support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and cast your vote in favor of it.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Nettles

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December 23, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am fully in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center, and I hope you are, as well. I believe any project that provides energy alternatives that are neither nuclear nor fossil fuel-based is a good idea. Solar energy is not going to pollute the county or harm it in any way, so it should be pursued. The time will soon come for you and your colleagues to vote on this project, so I want to urge you to help make it a reality.

In addition to appreciating the environmental benefits, I like that the Energy Center will generate new revenue for county services. I believe giving back to the community is important, and that is one of the reasons I am in favor of this project. I'm a retired educator in the county, so I know our schools are woefully underfunded, as are our public servants. Fire and rescue services are important in my senior community because they are here at least once a day. These county services are also underfunded, so increased revenue will be a real boon.

The additional revenue from the Energy Center could also help to provide residents some relief from their tax burden. Lower taxes would mean more expendable income for me; anyone who is a property owner or homeowner in the county will benefit in the same way. Others still will benefit from the employment opportunities the Energy Center will offer. Any permanent jobs are welcome and needed, so I'm grateful for the 25 to 30 jobs that the project will bring into the area.

Taking advantage of solar energy can only offer benefits. Solar power and wind farms are ideas that we need to embrace. Moving forward with this project is most certainly a step in the right direction. As a longtime Spotsylvania County resident who has never missed an election, I ask you to please support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center with your favorable vote.

Regards,

Michele Puleo

Nick Mimikopoulos  
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December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am a government employee who has lived in Spotsylvania County for nearly two decades. I believe making better use of our renewable resources is a good thing, not just for the county but the country as a whole. Plus, I feel that we need to bring more good jobs this way. The sPower Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will accomplish both of these things, so I urge you to vote in favor of it.

I agree with bringing more big corporate jobs into Spotsylvania. The traffic is ridiculous going into Northern Virginia, so we need more employment here. Preventing people from having to go to work in another county is a positive in my mind. All told, 25 to 30 permanent jobs and 700 short-term construction jobs will be available. Not only do I encourage this corporate entity to bring in their business, I also encourage the county to bring other entities in to bolster the local community and keep jobs local as opposed to losing them to Northern Virginia.

In addition to bringing jobs to our county, this project means more tax revenue coming in, too. I'm single with no kids, so I certainly don't mind money from a corporate entity alleviating my tax burden. Using the money to fund new equipment for emergency services would undoubtedly be a good thing, as well.

I split my time between here and Europe. Their sources of energy are more efficient, and they make better use of their resources. We need to follow suit. It is beneficial to do anything we can to wean ourselves off of resources like coal. We lose as a country when we rely on foreign energy sources, and it has a negative impact on our national security. Our dependence on other countries for energy continues to bring us into the negative foreign affairs situation in which we currently stand.

I'm a heavy investor in technology myself, and I agree with everything that bolsters the country internally and brings makes us more self-reliant. Without a doubt, this is the direction the county and the country need to take. It's time to move forward with this project. Please vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Sincerely,

Nick Mimikopoulos

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Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
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December 23, 2018

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I am a strong proponent of renewable energy, and I think the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a great idea. To me, the number-one benefit of this project is that it will help reduce global warming. I only see good things coming out of this plan. By approving it, our county will be seen as a leader, and perhaps other counties will follow suit. We will only have the opportunity to take that leadership role if the Board of Supervisors vote this project forward. So, I urge you to do just that.

Developing renewable energy through this project will not only help get us away from fossil fuels, but it will also bring money and jobs to our county. A number of major corporations are already planning to purchase energy from the Center, including Microsoft. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue will be generated, and that money could be put to good use.

When I attended high school here, the teachers would talk about how the county didn't have enough funding for schools. More money going toward schools and other critical services, from revenue generated by the sPower project, is exactly what Spotsylvania County needs.

In closing, I return to the idea that we can take the lead on renewable energy. We have this great technology in solar power, and not many places are using it. That's a shame. Our technology is getting better; we just have to use it more! As a longtime Spotsylvania resident and a voter, I ask you to vote to approve the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center.

Thank you,

Ryan Longman

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December 21, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I like innovation and new technology, and that is exactly what the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center Project will bring to our county. It is clean energy, with no negative impact, that helps the environment, creates jobs, and is all positive in nature. Any time we can develop new jobs, it's always good for the community, our families, and the economy. sPower is even leaving a buffer around the land being used, which will preserve natural vegetation. For these reasons and more, I am encouraging the Board to vote in favor of the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project.

The property tax revenue from the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center will be 30 times greater than what is currently being generated at the site. That additional revenue can take some of the tax burden off of residents, allowing us to shift those monies to personal needs and to patronize local businesses. With that revenue, the county can also offer higher quality public services like schools, firefighters, law enforcement, and the infrastructure we need to sustain the population growth in this area, not to mention improving the public parks where we spend time with our families. As someone who has served my country in the military and as a government employee, investing in our public services is important to me.

We have to grow the future for our kids and our communities. It's really important that we become energy independent. There's a finite number of natural resources, and we have to offset the use of those resources with renewable energy. We cripple ourselves when we become obligated and dependent on other nations for energy. Asserting our energy independence results in one less weak point to negotiate with other nations, and we are then in a position to sustain our energy needs regardless of the changing political tides.

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is low impact. It will reduce our energy footprint, reduce taxes, and develop our community. The fact is, we have to look forward to future technology, and we have to expand our base for how we source energy. We can't lag behind. We need to take advantage of opportunities like this now and make the transition to renewable energy, rather than waiting until our energy needs become critical. It's in the best interest of the community that the Board votes yes to the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center project so we can develop resources and capabilities to help the community, environment, and Earth in the future.

Sincerely,

Vannie Parker

Walter Riley  
6306 Cranston Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

December 26, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 99  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

I spent 21 years in the military until an injury resulted in a disability that led to my retirement. I also operated a transportation business, and I now serve the area as an ordained minister. During my time in service, I was stationed in this area four times and have spent 26 years in Spotsylvania County as a resident. I am reaching out to let you know I support the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center and am asking for your vote on it. I'm totally on board with this project, and I hope others see it the same way. We claim to be leaders; now we need to lead!

The Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center is a positive thing for many reasons. First, it will generate a lot of revenue, which we need here in our county. This new money could go toward the local services that we all enjoy and rely on, such as emergency services and recreation. Then, we can use the money to do things like hiring more people at police departments. Ultimately, everything will get better.

Local services have been a wonderful thing for my grandkids. For instance, we uncovered a talent we didn't even know one of my grandchildren had until he got involved with football through parks and recreation! We donate to these organizations, and that's how they survive. The whole reason for revenue is to fund these types of things. However, we can't pay for those services if we don't have the assets to do so. The revenue from the project will go a long way to enhance the quality of services in the county itself.

Developing solar power will also help us pursue energy independence. If we continue to rely on foreign oils, we limit ourselves and we might as well put handcuffs on ourselves! We outsource enough as it is. The more we have to rely on outside sources for taking care of us, the more vulnerable we are. Conversely, the more capable we are of being self-reliant, the better off we will be.

Furthermore, solar energy is kinder and gentler to the climate. I have to wonder: Why are people fighting so much against renewable energy? Everything dictates that we do this. The environment is speaking to us, and we need to pay attention! Someone has to stand up and say it's time. Somebody has to be a frontrunner when it comes to renewable energy technology. Why not us?

Spotsylvania County has the opportunity to be a leader by getting the Solar Energy Center going! We need to take that opportunity. Please use your vote to make this project possible.

Sincerely,

Walter Riley

December 22, 2018

Board Member Chris Yakabouski  
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PO Box 99  
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Dear Board Member Yakabouski,

Solar energy is definitely the future. The technology has been here, and I don't know why we haven't been using it. The sPower Solar Energy Center project in Spotsylvania will move the county into the future of clean, renewable, and reliable energy. In order for that to happen, I want the Board to vote in favor of the project in January.

We need all the alternative energy sources we can get so we can stop using so much oil and coal. The Solar Energy Center will not only generate that alternative energy, but it will also generate a significant amount of money for the state by way of property tax revenue. With expenses constantly going up, we need all the help we can get funding the budget. Our schools need a lot of work, and anything that generates additional income will be a big benefit.

There are still a lot of people out of work, especially in the construction field. The construction phase of this project will bring hundreds of jobs, and we need all the jobs we can get. Having this solar center will also attract new businesses looking for prime real estate that they can run on solar energy.

I have been for solar energy for a long time. I've looked into solar panels for my house, and hear stories from my son about motorhomes and campers that have already made the transition to energy efficiency through solar panels. I'm retired and my electric bill is around \$400 a month! The solar panels easily pay for themselves when you look at the overall financial impact.

I don't know why anyone would be against this project. A big field of solar panels doesn't hurt anything. I'd much rather have the panels for our children's sake in the future. Let's reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy and foreign energy. Vote yes to the Solar Energy Center project because it is the future, and this is something we should have done a long time ago.

Sincerely,

William Attkisson

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