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Support for Community Solar Project

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Dear Mayor Bollwage,

I am reaching out to you to ask for your support for 2 commercial rooftop community solar projects in Elizabeth, NJ. Summit Ridge Energy (SRE), is a community solar developer based out of Arlington, VA, with employees in NJ, NY and IL. The team is comprised of industry veterans who have developed hundreds of projects across the Northeast and Midwest US. In New Jersey, SRE has partnered with Link Logistics to utilize many of Link's commercial and industrial rooftops for solar projects.

SRE has begun the final design of these projects, in consultation with the landlord and various regulatory agencies. Our goal is to design the projects to maximize the supply of, and benefits from low-cost, clean renewable energy to approximately 90 residences in the local community. These community solar projects will specifically focus on serving low-to-moderate income residences, and we anticipate offering a 20% discount on electricity to those subscribers.

In addition to the inherent benefits of clean energy, we are confident that these projects will benefit the local community by creating local jobs and increasing tax revenue to the City. Industrial and commercial rooftops are the ideal place for solar projects because there are no adverse impacts to the environment or community. The projects will be designed with low-profile solar panels that will sit on top of the roofs and be no taller than 3 feet in height.

It is our aim to create sustainable solar energy in a way that is environmentally responsible and beneficial to both the landowner and local community. I am seeking your written support to help these projects gain acceptance into the limited NJ community solar program and have attached a sample letter as a template that can be utilized. Your support for these rooftop solar projects would greatly bolster our applications. I greatly appreciate your help and time on this matter.

Sincerely,

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