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Support for Community Solar Project

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Dear Mayor Baraka,

I am reaching out to you to ask for your support for a commercial rooftop community solar project located at 2125 McCarter Hwy in Newark, 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 Link's commercial and industrial rooftops for solar projects.

SRE has begun the final design of this project, in consultation with the landlord and various regulatory agencies. Our goal is to design the project to maximize the supply of, and benefits from low-cost, clean renewable energy to over 150 residences in the local community. This community solar project 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 the project 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 project 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 this project 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 the rooftop solar project would greatly bolster our application. I greatly appreciate your help and time on this matter.

Sincerely,
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