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Town of Farmington Planning Board  
1000 County Road 8  
Farmington, NY 14425

CC: Commissioner Ball, New York State Division of Agriculture and Markets  
Ron Brand, Town of Farmington Development Director  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Dear Planning Board members,

We are the owners of 466 Yellow Mills Road in Farmington, New York, which we have operated as a farm for over 30 years. We are pleased to have the opportunity to lease roughly 30 acres of our land to Delaware River Solar (DRS), to develop the Yellow Mills Road Community Solar Systems. These solar farms will strengthen our farm for at least another 30 years to come, and provide clean, renewable energy to 1,000 to 1,200 local residents.

Since 2017, we have worked with DRS to plan and create a design that we believe will allow both the solar farm, and our farm, to operate together. DRS sought our input every step of the way, and constantly keeps us updated on their progress. We approve of the plan, and we hope you do to.

As we said at the planning board public hearing on December 5, when the solar farm is built the cows will stay on the farm, the two donkeys will stay, and the 17 chickens will stay. Solar energy was once talked about as something in the future. That future is here today, and we hope it will be part of our farm. We are excited to be able to offer a portion of our land to help strengthen Farmington, and the community we love.

We thank you for the thorough review of these solar farms, and we appreciate all your hard work. This is this first chance for Farmington to go solar, and we urge you to approve these solar farms when your review is complete. Please contact us with any information you need, or with any questions.

Kind regards,



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