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Dear Neighbors,

I support Peterborough Energy Action's efforts to work with the community to transition our town to 100% clean, affordable, renewable energy for all by 2050 and urge residents to pass the "Commit to 100% Renewable Energy" warrant article that will appear on our 2021 town meeting ballot.

Peterborough has a long history of finding ways to save taxpayer money by reducing energy use and turning to renewable energy for our municipal operations. Our town's solar array is just one example. Now we have an opportunity to help the rest of our town -- residents, businesses, and institutions -- go through a similar process to save money while reducing pollution and preserving our natural environment.

Looking toward the months ahead, passing the warrant article will prepare our community to move forward together, balancing the need to act quickly with the need to make it an equitable and just process for everyone.

The warrant article specifies that the Select Board should form a committee to work out an initial plan for making the transition. With new leadership at the federal level and the investments being planned to support this transition, it is important that Peterborough make itself ready to take advantage of resources that may become available. Setting up a local committee positions us well to do this.

I believe that by planning for our future now we can ensure a just transition to renewable energy for everyone in our community. Our children and grandchildren will thank us!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Hatcher