



Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights

UPPER PENINSULA LOCAL 1510

Main Office: 370 US HWY 41 East Negaunee, MI 49866

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To: Donald Byczek
Norway Township Supervisor
N1551 Forest Dr.
Norway, MI 49870

RE: Groveland Mine Solar project

Dear Mr. Byczek,

We write to express our support of the Groveland Mine Solar project. The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights represents more than 13,000 Members in Michigan, including five-hundred members in the Upper Peninsula local and more than fifty that are Dickinson County residents. Our organization has been involved with numerous solar projects across the state of Michigan.

We find that our members, and residents of this region want environmental protection, economic development, as well as affordable energy. Most individuals we work alongside within our industry supports economic growth and safe affordable energy solutions that this project would provide. Our organization views the solar industry as an opportunity to support local economies, strengthen our communities, and create family supporting work opportunities with benefits for skilled workers.

We see this project as a prudent investment that brings many positive outcomes. Solar Power creates good jobs, economic growth, and is an economic engine. Our local and regional economy can be improved by solar power, that will help maintain energy costs. This project will help create \$12 million in property tax revenues for local township entities, that will benefit multiple school districts, public roads, fire & safety agencies, veterans, and the County Library & senior center. The project will provide a clean, green, "free" source of energy, that is good for the environment, as well as repurpose an abandoned industrial site for a new productive use.

We are confident that the project and the required permits have been thoroughly examined, through multi-disciplinary review, and the project permits have been comprehensively and objectively evaluated. Again, we support this project and encourage you to approve the Groveland Mine Solar project for the positive impact it will bring to the township and residents of the region.

Respectfully,

Mike Barnwell
MRCC President

Brian Kerrigan
MRCC Regional Director, U.P. Local 1510