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Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
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To the Maine Department of Environmental Protection,

I recently had the privilege meeting with Aaron Svedlow of Nextera Energy to discuss the 75 megawatt solar farm being proposed for Sandy River Farm in Farmington. It is clear to me that Nextera Energy's team has done its due diligence and continues to solicit input from the community which I really appreciate and hope they will do more of. This solar project will be a much-needed injection of economic development in our area.

As the Senate Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I hear from many project developers and I've been impressed with how prepared Nextera Energy is. They are committed to a positive and environmentally friendly project, with as little impact to neighbors as possible.

Aside from the tax revenue and investment that this project will bring, I'm also very excited about the potential opportunity for local companies to work on the project.

Solar is a good fit for our communities, and Nextera Energy is only reaffirming that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Senator Thomas B. Saviello  
Franklin County