

I am very concerned about the consequences of HB 1002. I live in Peterborough and work with both the Peterborough Energy Committee and the Peterborough Renewable Energy Project. Our goal is to help all of Peterborough eventually reach 100% renewable energy, and this bill would provide a disincentive for people who were concerned about their property taxes (isn't everybody?) to add solar panels to their houses. Peterborough doesn't have a law exempting solar panels from property tax considerations, but it does consider solar panels to be purchases by homeowners like a new stove or a new furnace. Those are not considered in a property assessment, and solar panels not should be either. The last thing the state should be doing is discouraging people from using renewable energy! Each town should be able to make its own decisions on how to assess their property taxes.

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