

January 19, 2026

Re: OPPOSITION to HB-1002 – Repealing the solar energy system tax exemption

Members of the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee:

Why is HB-1002 necessary? It's not.

Where is the community outcry to punish those who invested in solar energy systems? There is none.

What would HB-1002 achieve? It would raise property taxes for those owners who invested in solar energy systems by eliminating solar energy system taxation exemptions approved by local voters.

In March 2017, voters in the Town of Carroll approved by a 71% majority exempting from property taxation solar energy systems as defined in RSA 72:61 that are intended for use at the immediate site.

In March 2025, voters in the Town of Carroll approved by a 78% majority the installation of a solar energy system on the Public Safety building to help reduce the town's energy costs.

In both cases, voters have demonstrated strong support for solar energy systems; in the first case, by private property owners and in the second case, for the good of the entire community.

HB-1002 seeks to destroy another component of local property tax control.

I urge HB-1002 be voted Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL).

Respectfully,

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