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To Whom It May Concern,

November 2011, Lifebridge Foundation installed a 13.2 Kilowatt solar array system at its retreat center, Lifebridge Sanctuary using Lotus Energy as the installer. This system provides 85% of our electric needs for a 12,000 sq ft green building. The system is located so that all the guests who use the facility can see it and it has made a significant impact on the environmental thinking of the many groups who use Lifebridge Sanctuary. Much of our mission is devoted to education about sustainable energy use and we would not be able to do this as effectively without the constant reminder of where most of our power is coming from.

We are aware that more and more individuals are wanting to install a solar array with a net metering system in their homes and businesses and now that the Central Hudson area has reached its "cap" this creates a stumbling block to those who want to act in an environmentally conscious way.

We strongly urge the Public Service Commission to significantly raise the cap on net metering and to direct Central Hudson to accept new applications for net metering as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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