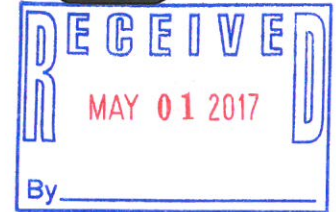


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May 1, 2017

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To whom it may concern:

My name is John Lentine and I am the President of Boyce Highlands, 14 Whitney Rd, Concord, NH.

Boyce Highlands is a manufacturing company that makes custom wood mouldings. We have approximately 49 employees. The company has been in business for over 25 years. We have been in the forefront of the green movement for years. We have an award-winning wood waste boiler that we use for heat, and have been an FSC certified (green) lumber supplier for years. We are very cautious of where the lumber we use is originated from. We will not use any lumber in our manufacturing that is not completely renewable.

That said, we are looking to continue our green philosophy. We have investigated adding solar panels to our property, and are on the verge of signing a contract for them. The panels should produce at least 60% of the power we use in the plant thus reducing our carbon footprint. We have hit a roadblock in the ROI needed to justify the investment. That roadblock is the tax that the city of Concord is going to impose on us each year for the panels. The tax will far exceed any electric savings we could recover from the panels.

After doing some research, we have found that many cities and towns have made solar panels exempt from property taxes. I am requesting that the Concord City Council consider doing the same thing.

There are in place rebates from the State of New Hampshire and tax credits from the federal government encouraging companies to go to the green solar movement. Without an exemption from the City of Concord, I don't see any manufacturing facility ever putting up solar panels.

Sincerely,

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