



CITY OF MANCHESTER

Joyce Craig
Mayor

March 6, 2019

Chairman Robert Backus
NH House Science, Technology and Energy Committee
LOB Room 304
33 N. State Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 365

Dear Chairman Backus and Members of the Committee,

During your committee's executive session scheduled for today, you will be asked to consider have an important piece of legislation— HB 365, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators. I urge the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee to look favorably on this legislation and recommend an "Ought to Pass" motion to the full House.

Expanding clean and local renewable energy options is incredibly important to the quality of our environment and our future economic success. Increasing the net metering cap from 1MW to 5 MW will allow municipalities like Manchester to attract private investments in clean energy, which will not only help diversify our energy supply, but drive down costs for local taxpayers.

Like many cities and towns across New Hampshire, the City of Manchester is considering opportunities to develop solar projects on city-owned land, which will help to control energy costs and create additional revenue. But the arbitrary 1 MW net metering cap severely restricts the opportunities available to the City. For instance, the City of Manchester has a capped 90-acre landfill that would be ideal for solar development. Under the current 1MW cap, only a fraction of the property could be used, limiting the potential development, private investment, and benefit to the City and people of Manchester.

With rising energy costs across the entire state, investing in local renewable energy opportunities is the best way to help control these costs and improve the quality of our environment at the

same time. HB 365 is critical to our efforts to diversify our energy supply, control costs, and attract more private investment to our state and I urge you to support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Craig".

Joyce Craig
Mayor

cc: Manchester House Legislative Delegation
Senate President Donna Soucy
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Kevin Cavanaugh