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Scott Bowen
Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
525 W Allegan St.
Lansing, MI 48933

Director Bowen,

The Department of Natural Resources' responsibility is to protect and manage our wildlife, forests, and waterways. We demand answers as to where flattening over 400 acres of forest to clear the way for foreign-built solar panels fits within your department's mission. We also demand a thorough report on all DNR involvement with efforts to replace valuable natural resources with unproven green energy technologies.

It was only quality reporting that uncovered the project near Gaylord. Now we want to know where else your department plans to subvert local control, decimate forests, and further the green energy agenda. Furthermore, we demand a stoppage of all solar projects on public land until there can be a complete review of the DNR's actions.

Projects like this highlight the blatant hypocrisy within the DNR. You're completely willing to jump into bed with the solar industry and the foreign powers controlling their purse strings but deny other smaller land-lease proposals without a second thought. You have a responsibility to be good stewards of public land – replacing forests with solar panels does not live up to that standard.

Local officials should never be left in the dark when massive projects of any kind are planned in their municipalities; especially when their presumed partners at the DNR are the ones hiding the facts. We've heard from township officials who say they did not know the project near Gaylord was official until reporting exposed it late last week. That is unacceptable and a clear example that your department has forgotten its responsibility to work hand in hand with local governments.

As you know, voters across our country embraced a return to commonsense, fiscally responsible governance. The days of uncontrolled spending and the complete embrace of partisan initiatives are over. The people gave us a mandate to ensure they receive the highest possible return on investment for their tax dollars. We are certain that the DNR subverting local governments to trade our natural resources for a quick buck from China does not pass that test.

Again, the responsibility of your department is to protect and manage our natural resources, not get into business with unknown companies and foreign technologies with very little history of success. We're glad the Gaylord project is finally in the public eye where it belongs, now it's time to shed some light on plans throughout the state. We look forward to your prompt response to our inquiry so we can



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provide the public with the answers they seek and ensure the DNR is not so far off course that it has forgotten its mission entirely.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Ken Borton
105th District

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Rep. Greg Markkanen
110th District

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Rep. Karl Bohnak
109th District

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Rep. Dave Prestin
108th District

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Rep. Parker Fairbairn
107th District

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Rep. Cam Cavitt
106th District

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Rep. John Roth
104th District

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Rep. Curtis VanderWall
102nd District



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Rep. Joseph Fox
101st District

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Rep. Tom Kunse
100th District

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Rep. Mike Hoadley
99th District

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Rep. Gregory Alexander
98th District

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Rep. Matt Bierlein
97th District

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96th District

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95th District

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93rd District

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92nd District

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Rep. Pat Outman
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Majority Floor Leader Bryan
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Rep. Brad Slagh
85th District

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Rep. Angela Rigas
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78th District

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Rep. Mike Mueller
72nd District

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71st District

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66th District

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49th District

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