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International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
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The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania AVE NW, Ste. 750
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Scott Annis and Zach Greene:

On behalf of the City of Framingham, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the City of Framingham's dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

With over 23 MW of solar already installed across Framingham, we understand the importance of renewable energies to our community. Since 2013, we have supported the development of renewable energy through our power-purchase agreements (PPAs) with local solar farms and are also in the process of evaluating the feasibility of municipal sites to host solar energy systems.

As part of our efforts to become a more sustainable community, the City of Framingham plans to leverage the SolSmart program to achieve the following goals:

- Simplify and enhance the efficiency of the solar permitting and inspection process.
- Evaluate opportunities to enhance our zoning bylaw in order to support property owners who seek to adopt solar energy systems.
- Identify and provide information on resources and programs that can assist members of the community to support solar energy.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Master Plan and through involvement as one of the Commonwealth's Green Communities.

In order to measure progress along the way, the City of Framingham will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across the community.

Inquiries related to Framingham's SolSmart participation can be directed to the Sustainability Coordinator, Shawn M. Luz at sluz@framinghamma.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yvonne M. Spicer".

Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor