Name/Title

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David Harwood

Director - Renewable Energy at DTE Energy

1 Energy Plaza

Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mr. Harwood,

The City of Ypsilanti is partnering with Chart House Energy to install a one megawatt solar array on an old landfill site near Interstate 94. I urge you to approve this project. It will strengthen our local energy infrastructure, while providing a highly visible example of our commitment to a smart energy future. In addition, DTE's approval will allow Ypsilanti to be a strong contender for the US Department of Energy's SunShot Community Solar Challenge.

Besides earning national recognition, this project is designed to accomplish several goals. First it will generate much needed revenue for the cash-strapped City of Ypsilanti. Second it will provide local workers with experience in solar technology and the nuts and bolts of installation, skills that can be immediately put to use in Michigan's growing solar industry. Third it will reduce greenhouse gases by supplementing our power grid and expanding the area's non-fossil fuel energy base. Lastly it will continue to build the image of Southeast Michigan, and the City of Ypsilanti, as a *solar destination*, bringing Ypsilanti closer to its 1000 solar roof goal, and educating more people in our region about how Michigan locations can benefit from solar power.

Please approve this project so that Ypsilanti and Chart House Energy can begin and complete this exciting project in 2018.

Thank you,

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