

## Kuether-Steele, Molly

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**From:** Bauman, Robert  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** Kuether-Steele, Molly  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for speaking out against Solar Now and We Energies

Please add the two linked items to the solar energy file we heard at the last PW committee. And the full email from Mr. Barrett to the file.

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**From:** [Michael Barnett](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 8:12 AM  
**To:** [Bauman, Robert](#); [Kovac, Nik](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you for speaking out against Solar Now and We Energies

Dear Alders Kovac and Bauman,

Thank you for having the courage to speak out against We Energies and their Solar Now fiasco, and supporting 3<sup>rd</sup> party solar in Wisconsin. I have been vocally opposing Solar Now since the application process and following along with the Eagle Point / City of Milwaukee situation. As a member of Renew and CUB, I have met with their leadership to galvanize opposition to Solar Now.

You can find my arguments against Solar Now here... <http://apps.psc.wi.gov/pages/viewdoc.htm?docid=354327>

I lead the team that created the 100% renewable energy report for the City of Madison, and am familiar with the barriers communities face to decarbonize their electricity production. The final report can be found here.. <https://www.madison100renewableenergy.com/>

One other point that I believe is missing in the recent news is that Solar Now is a \$128 million cost to ratepayers. By having the City of Milwaukee enroll in Solar Now, you are furthering burdening the most vulnerable in the community with even more expensive utility bills. There are more cost effective and equitable solutions to go solar. Solar Now benefits We Energies shareholders, not ratepayers or program participants.

I have also performed a financial analysis of the Solar Now program for a sample customer compared to other options such as third party and city owned. I am happy to review an analysis by others, as there is a lot of nuance in the Solar Now host payments that is quite misleading. Specifically regarding how the payments are tied to the MISO long term capacity value of rooftop solar.

Feel free to reach out. Happy to help in any way I can.

Thanks,

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