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Dear SolSmart Program Administrators:

On behalf of the City of Carmel and as a member of the Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute Advisory Board, I am proud to announce a commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the City of Carmel'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.

SolSmart builds upon our community's commitment to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and supports the goals of our Climate Action Plan which is currently under development.

The City of Carmel will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Review current permitting processes and/or implement solar permitting best practices.
- Review planning & zoning process and enhance siting options for solar PV while preserving community character and historic resources.
- Support local solar energy development through public education and engagement efforts and/or group purchase programs.

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 Comprehensive Plan and draft Climate Action Plan.

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

Inquiries related to the City of Carmel's SolSmart participation can be directed to Alexia Lopez at alopez@carmel.in.gov or 317-571-2417.

Very truly yours,

James Brainard
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City of Carmel, Indiana