

May 24, 2021

Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114
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Re: Expanded Environmental Notification Form, March 15, 2021 and Supplement
ADM TMUD Wareham Solar Projects
EEA No. 13940-ADM Tihonet Mixed Use Development
Wareham, Plymouth, Carver, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Theoharides,

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My name is Mason Hendrick. I am a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. I stand with the group known as "Wareham 10." We believe firmly, that the destruction of the pine barrens should cease immediately. I am not afraid to be the voice of the trees and wildlife that call that land home.

I have spoken to the elders about the proposed Borrego Solar and AD Makepeace plans to destroy wildness and build solar farms. (Some of which have already been built.) They too are in opposition. We need to think about our next seven generations and what type of environment, climate, world we will leave for them. We need trees, the birds, the fish, the ponds, to live healthy and coexist. We must not continue to destroy and abuse Mother Earth.

These sites are located on the ancestral lands of my people. This is unceded Wampanoag territory and our rights to it should not be disregarded.

We have not been adequately consulted or given a platform to inform the commission about the cultural, spiritual, historical, and physical importance of this land and the potential impacts from the proposed development. The plans show that the land will be clear-cut, and that both the trees and the earth itself will be removed and sold commercially. I am concerned about the potential impacts of this activity on my cultural heritage and rights as an Indigenous person. The documentation about the impacts to Native American rights in the EENF is insufficient and does not fully appreciate the cultural and historical value of the land.

I request that you reject the EENF as inadequate and require a full, fair, meaningful, and thorough process for consultation with the Indigenous community before this project can proceed.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Ahapây (Humbly),

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