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To: SolSmart Program Administrators:

On behalf of Pulaski County, Virginia, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with SolSmart, the Pulaski County team is committed to improving solar market conditions, by making it faster, easier and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems.

Pulaski County will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Streamline the solar permitting process for both residential, commercial and industrial installations.
- Educate ourselves and prepare our community for utility scale solar opportunities.
- Market our community as a "solar friendly locality" and advocate for the increased investment of solar infrastructure and technology in Pulaski County.

The Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan supports this initiative as shown in Policy 1.2.11 "Support sustainable building practices, energy efficiency and renewable energy development."

Since 2015, our permitting office has tracked the growth of residential solar in our community. We are proud to announce that we have over thirty-five (35) permitted residential solar installations in Pulaski County, with an average rated capacity of 7Kw per home and a dollar value of over \$1,138,000.00 in solar investment in our community. As a SolSmart community, we will continue to record and track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to Pulaski County's SolSmart participation can be directed to the Director of Planning & Zoning, Elaine Holeton, at eholeton@pulaskicounty.org or (540) 980-7710. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the SolSmart program.

Sincerely,

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