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Dear NH DOE,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RPS 2023-002 Renewable Energy Fund LMI Solar Program.

NH Solar Shares is a program of PAREI that builds solar PV arrays on donated land or roof space to generate solar energy credits on the electric bills of local families in need of assistance. We have seen first-hand the positive financial impacts these credits have for many of our program participants including reducing their chances of being in arrears on their electric bill.

We wholeheartedly support the RFP process for this program vs an application process. We appreciate the categories, such as Education and Engagement, that NHDOE uses to score the applications because it motivates entities, like us, to produce a more creative, comprehensive and inclusive LMI Solar Program. The scoring categories give non-profit organizations like ourselves the opportunity to be creative and develop a program that works for their local community and utility.

We also support having three months to respond to the RFP. This is a more reasonable turn around for those of us working in the field that have many other solar implementation duties on our plate already.

Thank you for this opportunity to give you feedback.

Sincerely,

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