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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** karen dumas  
**Cc:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** RE: Catholic Charities Solar Array Project -2800 Otis St.,NE Washington,DC - BZA 19927

Dear Ms. Dumas

I am forwarding your submission to [zasubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:zasubmissions@dc.gov). In the future, please send all email submissions to this address to ensure timely inclusion into the case record.

Sincerely,

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March 19,2019 Sent from my iPad To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is concerning the proposed plan to install approximately 4788 solar panels on the property belonging to Catholic Charities at 2800 Otis Street NE. I attended a community meeting at Sharon Baptist Church this winter to obtain accurate information and strengthen my understanding of the necessity of the project from the planner, experts and church officials. My property abuts with the Charities of Hope property. The facility sits on a substantial lot, is a lovely property and has a jarring presence. There are mature trees and various plants/bushes. We often see various types of wildlife roaming on the grounds. It is simply a rarity in the city, even in its current state of requiring repairs. Speaking with church members, the need to raise revenue was clearly stated. Additionally, it was noted that ten other charities would benefit from the electricity produced from the project.

My concern is that the project would inundate our residential neighborhood with a sea of nearly 5000 enormous, black panels! Whereas I strongly support the work of Catholic Charities and comprehend the need to obtain revenue, I'm in opposition of the project as proposed. I have several concerns related to environmental issues related to a concentration

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of 4788 panels in an urban area and run-off of water. What are health related concerns related to living next to such an inordinate number of panels. Whereas there were several ideas proposed to offset negative aesthetics, there are doubts as to the effectiveness of flowers and a fence.

In conclusion, I'm opposed to the solar arrays project. Finally, I must ask were other sites considered for this project? And I'm compelled to ask why my community should be responsible for providing power/revenue for ten additional facilities.

Sincerely,  
Karen L. Waters-Dumas