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Participating Organizations

Alliance of Baptists
American Muslims for Palestine
Appalachian Peace Education Center
Arab American Association of Central Virginia
Defenders for Freedom, Justice, and Equality
Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church - USA
Jewish Voice for Peace
National Arab American Women's Association
New Dominion PAC
Northern Virginians for Peace & Justice
Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace
Plowshares Peace & Justice Center
Richmonders for Peace in Israel-Palestine
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East, Northern Virginia Chapter
United Methodists for Kairos Response
US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace

Dear Campbell County officials,

On behalf of the Virginia Coalition for Human Rights (VCHR), a coalition of 18 organizations and over 10,000 Virginians, we write to urge you NOT to allow Caden Energix Gladys LLC to build and operate a solar array on two parcels totaling 1.108 acres on Gladys Road, approximately 4.5 miles SW of Gladys. Please note that we are not against solar energy development, but we are against Energix Renewable Resources, the parent company, due to its long history in harming surrounding communities in its overseas markets and now in Virginia.

In our letter dated last year—May 26, 2020—VCHR alerted you to the potential adverse impacts of conducting business with Energix, such as moral hazards, financial wherewithal to remediate sites long into the future, and reputational risk. Energix business practices, geared toward maximizing profits of its overseas shareholders and domestic tax credit partners, also emphasize maximum return on investment over environmental concerns. Energix has a demonstrated pattern of siting projects in sensitive areas and then relying on undue political influence to overcome environmental protections.

The Caden Energix Gladys LLC site is no exception. According to the Natural Heritage Program of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the land upon which the proposed solar array is to be built has the following conservation, mitigation, and preservation designations:

1. Ecological Cores
2. Forest Conservation Values
3. Natural Land Network
4. Watershed
5. Agricultural

Solar energy regulators in Campbell County may independently verify these designations on the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Natural Heritage Program interactive map simply by plugging in the site coordinates at <https://vanhde.org/content/map>.

In sum, VCHR believes that Campbell officials should not allow Caden Energix Gladys LLC to build or operate solar energy arrays on this sensitive site.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Noursi, Co-chair

Nancy Wein, Co-chair

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