From: Beatrice Nathan
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Dear Commissioners,

As a parent and resident of Buncombe County. I want you to approve the $10.2 solar bond proposal. With this funding we can get Buncombe County to the 100% renewable energy goal, invest in the local economy, and save money on utility bills. Please vote yes on Tuesday.

This solar proposal would install about 6,700 KW of solar on 40 schools and buildings in Buncombe County – the equivalent of powering 677 homes entirely with solar each year. Since these solar energy systems are expected to last 30–40 years, this is the equivalent of taking 677 homes off the grid.The solar panels in the proposal would be installed by an employee-owned solar company based right here in Buncombe County – showing support for the local economy. The prices offered to install these solar projects are millions of dollars cheaper than what County staff first estimated, and the energy savings from the solar panels will actually save the county $1million annually over the life of the solar panels in energy costs.

Buncombe County made a commitment in 2017 to move our county to 100% renewable energy. Voting yes to these projects is an important step to start making progress on this commitment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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