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Thank you Mr. Chairman and committee members for allowing me to share my story and I am in full support of HB2651 which creates a fair taxation methodology for solar, limits a county's density of solar and promotes the use of American made products. I'm Charles Greg Crawford, our family has been farming for 4 generations spanning over nearly 100 yrs. The Federal Government is pushing and funding solar and wind projects in the rural heartland of America like we have never experienced in modern history which is removing the most valuable productive land that has fed this Nation and helped sustain the rural communities and counties. The tax methodology in this bill for solar is consistent with wind energy which is still giving them a tax advantage over every other energy sector. This is more than fair since solar is far more detrimental than wind to these rural communities and counties because the land is totally removed from production for 30 to 40 years. Solar is already receiving 30 to 40% federal subsidies. According to Wisconsin U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany, solar companies can get as much as \$50,000 per acre in federal subsidies. The tremendous loss of farm revenue in these rural communities will be devastating. We have identified approximately 12,000 acres slated for solar power plants in Callaway county. Row crop farming generates approximately 1 million dollars in gross revenue per 1,000 acres, so the economic impact for the county will result in loss of jobs and businesses plus their tax revenue. There will be less seed sales, equipment sales, repair and parts sales, crop insurance, chemical and fertilizer sales, farm co-ops, etcThe U.S. is losing farmland at an alarming rate. According to research by American Farmland Trust found between 2001 and 2016 everyday 2000 acres of farmland and ranchland was lost due to urbanization alone. A recent article by Insider Newsletter indicated that as much as 363 million acres (two times the size of Texas) would need to be transformed to accomplish the green energy goal of the Inflation Reduction Act (Green Energy bill) in the next 30 years. The 2 percent limitation of cropland in a county would help prevent any one county from getting saddled with the loss of significant amounts of its farmland and farm revenue. The loss of farm revenue is crippling to rural communities. An example of what happens when agricultural farmland is taken out of production, just look at the effects of the small rural communities north of highway 36 after the CRP program was implemented in 1985. The CRP program removed large amounts of farmland from production which resulted in jobs drying up and businesses closing their doors because there was no longer recirculation of farm revenue in these communities. The solar industry is being driven by our federal tax dollars as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act. The least we can do is to help provide U.S. jobs rather than fund Communist China by requiring 75% of the parts and equipment being made in America. This is consistent with the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program for the Telecommunications industry to receive federal funds to spur the development of the U.S. manufacturing industry and create new jobs domestically.Finally, the tax revenue will be huge for the communities that have lost so much farm revenue due to the massive solar projects and will hopefully help them from going backward. It would generate millions of dollars

annually that would benefit the local schools and services provided for these counties.HB2651 is very important and needs your support. Thank you for your time.



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I am a landowner in Callaway County. We currently have around 10,000 acres in solar development. Given a new substation is currently under construction and a high-voltage transmission line has been given approval by the PSC, more acres will probably be developed in our community into solar and possibly wind, before it is all over. I am a landowner who will have solar farms on three sides of me and several more on my one-mile gravel road. That transmission line will also be going over my head, thanks to the PSC's eminent domain ruling. Having these companies at least paying fair taxes and having some sort of restriction on the numbers of them is of small consolation to me, but maybe if this law had been in place sooner limiting how much farmland is allowed to be used, the solar developer to my east would have chosen their siting more responsibly than they have in choosing deeply sloping (towards my house) land. We absolutely need some help protecting our county and the people and wildlife that will be greatly affected by all of this industrial power development. This bill will do that. Please pass it.



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Specifically, Missouri Farm Bureau would like to go on record in support of the solar taxation language in this bill. Our member-adopted policy reads: "We support real property associated with wind and solar energy projects being assessed as local property." Thank you for your consideration.



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I am in favor of this bill. I believe that solar or wind enterprises should have to pay their reasonable share of the tax burden and replace the value of taxes removed from the use of any agricultural properties used in their construction. It is my belief that the cascading effect of the deprivation of agricultural resources is far reaching and multiplied by the subsidiary business which support local agriculture. I am also in favor of a cap of the total utilization of crop land for solar inasmuch as this is an irreplaceable resource that once lost to industrialization cannot be replaced. Food security is freedom. If we lose food security to an industrial endeavor like solar, which is by its very nature not a long term venture, we have sacrificed a precious legacy of the best cropland with the best water resources in the world for a cheap momentary monetary gain for a very few. The greater public will suffer for the gain of a privileged few.



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These companies should pay the same tax as other companies. No PILOT. People think they are getting a decent payment but could get so much more. These companies should buy material made in America to support our economy not other countries. We need job security here in our own communities as well as the income from sales staying here. Covering less farm ground in one area would help local farmers as well the wildlife that live here. We depend on beef, deer, chickens and other animals for food for our families. We can't eat solar panels or wind mills.



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I am a resident of Callaway living on a century farm. A proposed solar facility is planned within 200 feet of my home. The solar companies have no regard for non-participating land owners close or next to the leased property. we have no protection from the host of health problems associated with this invasive curse. I support this bill to get decent set backs, taxation and safety for the rural Missourians that currently have none. Each of you were elected to protect not only your districts but the state of Missouri as a whole against those that would put the general public in danger.



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I am a citizen of Walker Township, Henry Co, MO, where Ranger Power has leased 5000 acres of farmland around our property to use for solar panel energy. They are leasing land under their Limited Liability Corporation title of "Beavertail". They are attempting to convince our County Commissioners to grant them Chapter 100, so they will be free of tax liability on all their property. We support this bill in agreement that all solar energy projects shall be assessed with any solar energy property of such company assessed upon the county assessor's local tax rolls. Thank you.



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I think eminent domain for utilites should not be used for solar or wind. It should only be used for present generation (hydo, gas, coal, bio mas or nuclear) or transmission.



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I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND FEEL VERY HIGHLY ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SOLAR FACILITIES BEING TAXED AT THIS RATE. WITH THE LOSS OF TAX REVENUE FROM AGRICULTURE IN THESE COUNTIES WHERE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED, IT'S ONLY RIGHT. ALL OTHER UTILITIES ARE TAXED ON THEIR EQUIPMENT AND MILES OF POWER LINES THAT THEY OWN IN EACH COUNTY. ALSO THE 2% CAP OF LAND USED FOR SOLAR IN EACH COUNTY WOULD ENSURE A FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE. AGRICULTURE IS ALREADY BEING LESSENERED BY THE URBANIZATION GROWTH IN RURAL COUNTIES AT AN ALARMING RATE. PUBLIC UTILITIES ALREADY FOLLOW RULES THAT SO MUCH OF THEIR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED MUST BE MADE IN THE USA. IT'S ONLY RIGHT FOR SOLAR COMPANIES TO BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AND USE EQUIPMENT MADE IN THE USA, ON U.S. SOIL TO HELP OUR UNITED STATES ECONOMY INSTEAD OF INTERNATIONAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.



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WITNESS NAME: ROGER D. FISCHER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-220-1958	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CALLAWAY COUNTY COMMISSION		TITLE: CALLAWAY COUNTY WESTERN DIST. COMMISSIONER	
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I represent a key county in Missouri, and I humbly ask you to pass to the floor HB 2651. In Callaway County any personal business with a value representative of 3,000 acres of solar fields at a cost of \$100 Million per 1,000 acres, would generate a whopping \$6.2 Million per year in taxes to Callaway County. This same company offered a PILOT to the county of around \$625,000 to Callaway County. A paltry 10% of what we would "assess and tax" any private "for profit" company to pay. This example shows that the Solar Companies, Utilities, and Lobbyist's promoting solar have found the "wholly grail" of "dumb country bumpkins" to pull wool over our heads. This is an absurd atrocity to think the legislators in Jefferson City would allow this to happen to constituents across rural Missouri. This is why I support HB 2651, to set an "enforceable remuneration" for rural counties such as ours. A mechanism to fight for what is right, fair and equal. I implore you, my county needs legislative action to prevent decades long legal arbitration, or the absurd acceptance of ridiculously low remuneration for the loss of highly productive farmland in exchange for supporting 'For-Profit" solar companies taking advantage of our rural commissions across Missouri. I appreciate your time and pray you will make the "wise choice" to move this legislation to the floor and further support HB 2651 into legislation. Thank You Callaway County Western Dist. Commissioner Roger Fischer



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I wish to express my mind with regard to any bills that regard “green energy” whether it be solar, wind, hydroelectric, coal, nuclear, natural gas etc. I wish that the representatives of the State of Missouri would think from the end to the beginning before making any legislation. I believe there is enough evidence of lessons learned in the State of Missouri regarding hazardous materials. I believe that there is enough evidence of lessons learned in the State of Missouri regarding decommissioning power plants. The point is that the shell game that the “green energy” developers are playing with Federal money is soon to end. When it does end, they will have made their money and will move on to their next federal subsidy. The State of Missouri will be left holding the bag on acres of unusable farm land, communities with destroyed agricultural economies, thousands of tons of spent solar and wind equipment which will be classified as hazardous waste and mountains of lawsuits. Why can’t you all just tell the “green energy” people to quit promising and put their money where their mouth is? We are the “Show Me State” right? Well, tell them to Show Me The Money! Quit relying on maybe’s and far off promises and make them pay triple up front if they want to use Missouri farm land for their experiments. I wish you all would put a halt to all of the “green” development until lessons learned can be garnered from other states. I wish you would do this before our beautiful state that contains so many abundant resources is treated like a Petri dish by entities who could care less about Missouri or her residents. I am a resident of Henry County Missouri where I am witnessing firsthand the shady, sneaky and underhanded tactics used by Ranger Power, who actually is little more than an LLC (Beaavertail) in the State of Missouri. They are tying up prime farm ground for 40 plus years. By the time it is “remediated” the young farmers who may have liked to farm it will be long gone. I support this bill, but I sure wish someone on the state level would put the brakes on this stuff until we get the opportunity to learn from other states who are committing financial suicide with “green energy” as we speak.



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I am the Randolph County Presiding Commissioner and I fully support Representative Haden's legislation.



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I would like my testimony to be heard in favor of HB 2651 in which I feel it is in the best interest of all Missourians



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February 28, 2024
 Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash Columbia, Missouri 65201
 Re: Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee on HB 1750 To
 Chairman Evans and Members of the Committee, Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in opposition to House Bill 1750. While we can assure the Committee that we do not support the use of eminent domain for solar and wind energy, we can also say eminent domain is not used for the construction of wind and solar generation. At best, this legislation is a solution seeking a problem while vilifying wind and solar as some sinister industry taking property by force and against the will of landowners. Which is never the case. Missouri landowners see wind and solar as a way of making significant income off their property. This is important as Missouri's family farms have been ravaged by years of policies that promote corporate operations at the expense of independent producers as well as trade tariffs that have affected agriculture values. At worst, Renew Missouri is fearful this legislation will directly impact the Legislature's existing declaration of solar as a property right. Section 442.012 RSMo states "(t)he right to utilize solar energy is a property right but eminent domain may not be used to obtain such property right." Given this existing law already partially addresses the issue sought by the legislation before the Committee, it is Renew Missouri's fear that only unintended consequences will result that weaken this statutory right. Renew Missouri urges you to vote "no" on HB 1750 as it is presented to this Committee. Thank you. With respect,
 James Owen
 Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. The Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association (MOSEIA) wishes to testify in opposition to this legislation. The approach to taxation of solar is complex and not similar to wind energy, nor should the taxation be. A recent task force on the subject and other legislation provides a much more fair and effective approach to the issue of fair local taxation of solar energy. As if the 2022 supreme court case removing the exemption from taxation for solar energy is not damaging enough, this punitive, unwise, and unfair attempt at taxation, seems to apply an unworkable formula of taxation statewide for local opposition to some challenging solar projects in one region. To see conservative Republicans promoting this stifling level of taxation is inconsistent with the "freedom to farm" guarantees in the Missouri constitution, it promotes an unrealistic standard for energy taxation, would adversely impact the future of this energy resource, and place Missouri at the highest such taxation in the nation.



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I submit this testimony on behalf of the over 11,000 Sierra Club members throughout Missouri. The Sierra Club opposes House Bill 2651. We oppose the segment of the bills that would impose a 37.5% property tax assessment on solar equipment. We see this as an unfair law that is designed to punish the solar industry. We also see the provisions concerning land mass use as potentially violating Missouri's "Right to Farm" as enshrined in our constitution, as that part of the constitution explicitly states the right to use farmland to produce energy. Please oppose House Bill 2651.



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If this bill became law as written it would eliminate wind and solar from any future projects in Missouri.



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HB 2651, requires the assessment of solar property at 37.5% of original value, excluding land. Land would be assessed at the commercial rate of 32%. This represents a fair and equitable process similar to the way wind energy property is assessed.



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