

## Jeff Watson

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Dear Mr. Watson,

Please find attached Climate Solutions' comments supporting the Iron Horse Solar Project in Kittitas County.

Thank you,

Vlad Gutman

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**RE: IRON HORSE SOLAR PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Watson:

On behalf of Climate Solutions, I am writing in support of the Iron Horse Solar project in Kittitas County.

Climate Solutions strongly supports the development of clean, renewable energy in Washington State. Iron Horse Solar is an excellent opportunity to continue to diversify Washington's energy portfolio with additional utility-scale solar projects and we hope the state continues to follow Kittitas County's leadership.

We understand Iron Horse Solar is sited on a small piece of leased land that is zoned Ag-20, specifically allowing for solar facilities as a conditional use. We understand the land is currently used for agricultural purposes and will likely return to such use after the life of the project. The ongoing, year-round income for the landowner showcases the economic benefit that can come from installing utility-scale solar on their land.

According to OneEnergy's analysis, Iron Horse Solar is expected to generate enough clean, renewable energy to power all of Cle Elum's households, or the town of Roslyn two times over—every year for the life of the project. In addition, we are pleased to know the project will be providing valuable economic benefits to the local economy through community reinvestments and the generation of property tax benefits.

This is an excellent opportunity to continue to promote solar energy development while also contributing to Washington's nascent and thriving solar industry. We are encouraged by the Iron Horse Solar project and support the development of similar responsible projects that maximize renewable energy generation.

Sincerely,

Vlad Gutman  
Washington Director  
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