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Ladies and Gentlemen of the WA EFSEC,

I regretfully could not attend the recent Carriger Solar meeting however I wished to submit this letter for your consideration.

I am writing to express support for the proposed Carriger Solar development in Goldendale, WA. Renewable energy is the right path for our country. I served as a Captain in the United States Army and have witnessed the negative consequences of continuing reliance on foreign exports of oil. It is within the capacity of the United States to produce its own energy using resources within its own borders, among those resources being the ample solar and wind exposure in Klickitat County. The new energy economy is coming and Klickitat County stands uniquely poised to capitalize on this change and can become a regional leader in renewable energy production and research.

Additionally, in my capacity as the chair of Technology and Trades and lead instructor in the Electro-Mechanical Technology program at Columbia Gorge Community College, I urge this project be approved. Graduates of our program, many of whom come from Klickitat County, can find employment close to home and contribute to the economic development of this region. Renewable energy is projected to see explosive growth and it would be in Klickitat County's best interest to partake and contribute in this change with a locally sourced, technically competent workforce.

It is for this reason I respectfully urge the WA EFSEC to approve this solar development. Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,  
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