

June 2, 2016

Philip Haddix  
The Solar Foundation  
600 14th Street, NW - Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Philip Haddix,

This letter confirms the City of Hartford's interest in being considered for the Department of Energy's SolSmart Program. Hartford plans to pursue a Gold designation for its efforts in providing solar and introducing new energy practices to the City.

As a designated SolSmart community, Hartford would benefit from the advising and technical assistance offered by the U.S. Department of Energy. This assistance will help the City to expand its solar energy programs and make them more accessible to all Hartford residents and community members.

Already, we have made significant strides in expanding solar access. In 2014, Hartford and the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) introduced the first landfill-based solar energy generating facility to Connecticut. The facility produces up to one megawatt of energy for the City and we hope to expand this capacity. Hartford is also bringing the Solar for All program to the city through Connecticut Green Bank and PosiGen Solar Solutions in an effort to provide energy efficient opportunities to all Hartford homeowners, regardless of income. Additionally, Hartford is attempting to establish one of Connecticut's first Energy Improvement Districts, which will facilitate the creation of renewable energy in a way that aligns with the goals of the SunShot Initiative. We have also changed our zoning code to explicitly allow - and even provide incentives for - three different types of solar (building-mounted, roof-mounted, and solar parking canopies).

We believe the technical assistance from SolSmart will help the City implement more solar and energy efficient systems for the Hartford community. We look forward to being a part of the SolSmart designation program and introducing more solar programs with the support of the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke A. Bronin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor, City of Hartford