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International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
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The Solar Foundation
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Andrea Fox and Zach Greene:

On behalf of the City of Plymouth, I am sharing our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community with support from the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG). Over the last several years as the cost of solar has dropped, an increasing number of businesses, residents, and farmers in the area have supplemented their electricity use by generating solar power.

In partnership with MACOG, Plymouth staff members will work to review zoning and permitting processes and communicate that information to make it easier, faster, and cheaper to go solar. This work will also prepare our community for the increase in this technology by cross-training inspectors and sharing information with local fire departments to ensure safety should solar be present at a fire incident.

The City of Plymouth will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Review opportunities to reduce barriers to local solar energy development
- Empower residents to reduce their energy costs by providing access to information and resources
- Support local economic development through the growing local solar industry
- Prepare for new technologies often co-located with solar such as batteries and electric vehicles

To track solar development, MACOG and the city will work with installers and local solar owners to collect information such as the number of residential, commercial, and institutional solar projects, installed solar capacity.

Inquiries related to the City of Plymouth's SolSmart participation can be directed to the Plymouth Planning Consultant, Ralph Booker, at (574) 935-8540.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Senter