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Dear AASHE STARS Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to confirm the Capital Partners Solar Project is an innovative, collaboration between American University, The George Washington University, and The George Washington Hospital. The partnership represents the largest aggregation project of multiple offtakers banding together to establish a utility-scale project and involved joint evaluation of offers, negotiation of multiple legal agreements and coordinated arrangements for electricity market operations for the solar project on an ongoing basis. Now fully operational, ~250,000 solar panels at three sites in North Carolina will generate 127 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of emissions-free electricity in 2016, and continue similarly for each consecutive year for the 20 year term (taking normal PV panel degradation into account). Approximately 50% of each of the partners' electricity consumption is covered by this project which greatly increases the amount of renewable energy fed into the local grid.

In total, the project collectively removes approximately 62,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year from the partners' carbon footprints, which is equivalent to taking roughly 130,000 cars off the road or driving 145 million miles. It generates enough emissions-free energy per year to power roughly 8,400 homes. The project created hundreds of construction jobs in North Carolina at each site.

CustomerFirst Renewables offers renewable energy advisory services and guided the partners through the process of evaluating options and ultimately selecting large-scale offsite solar as the best project to meet their goal of expanding the use of renewables despite the lack the real estate required for large-scale onsite solar. At the time of completion this innovative project was the largest non-utility solar installation in the country and remains the largest PV project east of the Mississippi River. If you have any questions about this project or its authenticity, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Lieberman".

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