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Dear Mayor,

I am writing you to urge you to allow residents to buy their own solar panel system with the capability to get close to energy independence. I understand the city of Ames has invested in their own solar farm and asking residents to buy into it with a very small credit in return. I am wanting to be as close to energy independent as possible and I am being told by solar panel companies that the City of Ames only allows me to be at most around 50% dependent from the grid.

I feel that the city is sending mixed messages being a very liberal city so they should be one of the most helpful city to help get their residents on green energy. If the city wants to grow their solar farm that's fine, but as a business if you are stopping or making it difficult for others to have solar as well sounds a lot like a monopoly and might need to be addressed. I'm not asking to do anything that will negatively affect the city power grid. If I want to invest in my home it will increase my property tax and increase the cities ability to hang its hat on being a green energy friendly city not just a city that has a small solar farm that they asked residents to essentially donate to offset the cost.

Feel free to contact me with your thoughts

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