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TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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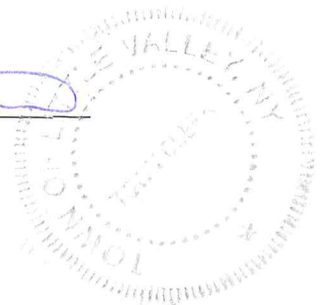
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS

I, Megan L. Morgenstern, Town Clerk of the Town of Little Valley, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT I have compared the attached proceedings of the Town Board of The
Town of Little Valley including the resolution contained therein with the originals
thereof on file in my office and that the same is a true and correct copy of the said
original as recorded in the minutes of the Town Board meeting dated April 8, 2024
and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto my hand and affixed the seal of
the Town of Little Valley, New York this 18th day of April 2024.


Megan L. Morgenstern
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EXTRACT OF MINUTES

At a meeting of the Town Board of Little Valley in the County of Cattaraugus, New York held April 8, 2024

the following Resolution was move, seconded and unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION# 12/2024 OPPOSING PART O OF THE GOVERNOR'S 2024 ARTICLE VII REVENUE BILL REGARDING THE SITING OF MAJOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RAPID" ACT

On motion of Councilman Shinners seconded by Councilman Gross the following resolution was

Ayes 4 Wrona, Gross, Shinners, Urbanski

Nays 0 Carried.

WHEREAS, New York Governor Hochul has released the Executive Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025, which includes Part O of the Transportation, Economic Development, and Environmental Conservation budget bill entitled the Renewable Action through Project Interconnect and Deployment ("RAPID") Act; and

WHEREAS, the RAPID Act seeks to move the Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") from the Department of State to the Department of Public Service, and seeks to consolidate and expedite permitting procedures for major renewable energy and electric transmission facilities under a new Article VIII of the Public Service Law; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the RAPID Act will undermine sound environmental review of major electric transmission facilities by requiring ORES to render a permit decision within a single year, otherwise the facility shall be automatically approved, regardless of project size or impact on private property or conservation lands; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the RAPID Act will constitute a significant deprivation of Private Property Rights by extended the power of Eminent Domain to the construction of major electric transmission facilities by large-scale solar and wind developers, said power being currently limited to regulated utilities granted a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the RAPID Act will undermine the protection of natural resources by allowing conservation easements to be extinguished anywhere in the state, including the Adirondack Park and Catskill Parks, for the construction of major electric transmission facilities by large-scale solar and wind developers, said authority being currently limited to regulated utilities granted a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the RAPID Act will further erode home rule and local decision-making enshrined in the New York State Constitution, Local Government Bill of Rights, Statute of Local Governments, and

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Municipal Home Rule law, usurping the rights of local governments to determine how communities and property within their jurisdictions develop, and contravening the purpose of comprehensive planning outlined in Section 272-A of Town Law; now therefore be it

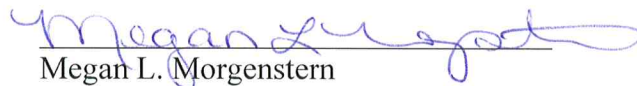
RESOLVED, Town of Little Valley Board strongly opposes the passage of Part O contained in the Governor's Article VII Revenue Bill relating to the expedited siting of major electric transmission facilities, the use of Eminent Domain, and the extinguishing of conservation easements, and be it further

RESOLVED, Town of Little Valley Board calls on the Governor of New York, members of the State Senate, and members of the State Assembly to ensure that Part O, and particularly the offending provisions identified herein, be excluded from the New York State budget or any other legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, Town of Little Valley Board opposes state or federal action that would weaken or eliminate New York's long-standing tradition of home rule and local government authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Town of Little Valley is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Senator George Borello, members of the State Senate, members of the State Assembly, the New York State Association of Counties, the New York State Association of Towns, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

I Megan L. Morgenstern, Town Clerk hereby certify the above to be true and correct.



Megan L. Morgenstern
Town Clerk RMC