



Dear Mayor Linton,

I read in our local newspaper the other day that you support businesses that are adding solar panels to the roofs of their buildings to help save energy. I feel that this is a good idea and an important one. If we help people convert to some solar energy now, they can save money over the years. Plus, since solar energy does not create greenhouse gases, using more of it will help us to become a town that does not make global warming worse.

What I would like you to consider is also supporting solar panels on the roofs of schools. When you think about it, schools use a lot of energy, and they also have flat and empty roofs. I think most students and teachers would support the idea of solar panels on their schools. We hope you do too!

One of the great things about solar energy is that it is a renewable resource. We will never run out of sunlight. I hope you will support more ways for our town to use solar energy, and I think schools are a good place to start.



Dear Uncle Frank and Aunt Maria,

Did you know that in Canada wind energy already powers more than 400,000 houses and businesses? I took this picture of your farm the last time I was there for a visit, and looking at it, I wonder if now would be a good time for you to replace the old windmill with a new wind turbine. A wind turbine can produce energy for the farm, save you money and reduce pollution. Besides, the old windmill has not worked for a very long time, probably not since I was about seven.

Many farms are considering small turbines. We learned that a 10kW wind turbine can generate about 10,000 kWh annually. Now that there is net metering, you would save even more. I think that it would be worth the investment. It would also be good for the environment. Remember all of the smog days we had this summer? When we choose energy sources like wind, we don't make the problem worse.

I hope you will consider a wind turbine for the farm! There are companies that can measure the wind where you are and give free estimates. Call them today!



Dear Goldfinch,

Thank you for being such a good Guide leader this year. You have given us all so many good ideas for projects and how to be better Guides. I have an idea for you that comes from what we are studying at school.

We are studying energy in Geography, and it made me think of the new wind turbine that has gone up in our community. I think that our troop could look at wind power as something to tell our friends and family about. Maybe we could even have a fundraising project. To me, wind power has the same important aims as Guides — to protect nature and make the world a better place for humans.

P.S. Could you please put up this card I made in our meeting room?