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Dear Ancram Planning Board:

I am writing regarding the critical importance of the required glare analysis for the proposed Ancram Solar Project.

Ancram law requires that the proposed Ancram Solar project system be designed so as not to reflect glare onto adjacent properties and roadways and requires that a glare analysis be included as part of the application. A glare analysis has been requested by multiple Town consultants and residents for over 10 months, yet the developer has failed to comply with these requirements.

The glare analysis requirement is especially critical, given that the proposed Ancram Solar Project is located high up on a South West facing slope which is clearly visible from multiple roadways and residents across this majestic historic farming valley. Given the location and orientation, the panels are highly likely to create meaningful glare in the afternoon, which will be visible across the entire valley and facing scenic ridgeline.

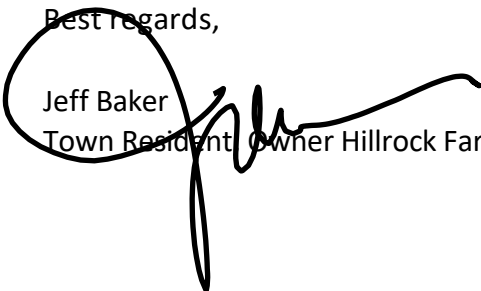
While the developer has claimed that the Ancram project solar panels, will be "anti-glare", similar panels recently installed at the Orphan Farm Rd Solar Project in Copake Falls (as shown in the attached photo), demonstrate that glare is a real issue and could have a large negative impact on the historic farming character of the Town. Note that the recently completed Orphan Farm Rd Project is nearly identical in size and orientation to the proposed Ancram Solar project and is sited almost 1 mile from Rt 22, where the photo was taken during a sunny afternoon in March. In fact, on several random afternoons I have experienced serious glare from the Orphan Farm Project while traveling north on Rt 22.

I thank the Board for all your diligence and hard work to date on this project and hope that this is helpful for your process. As stated, I encourage each of you to make the short 15 minute drive up Rt 22 on a sunny afternoon to experience the Orphan Farm solar project glare on your own to get a realistic view of a nearly identical project.

Please acknowledge receipt and add this to public record and the project website.

Best regards,

Jeff Baker
Town Resident, Owner Hillrock Farm & Estate Distillery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Baker', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Orphan Farm Road Solar Project - Copake Falls Glare Photo - March 10, 2026 (2:07 pm)



Orphan Farm Rd Solar Project Summary:

- **Project Name:** Orphan Farm NYS P – Orphan Farm Road PV System
- **Location:** 100 Orphan Farm Rd, Copake Falls, NY
- **Installed capacity:** 1,247 kW (1.25 MW DC)
- **Approx. Footprint:** ~ 6–10 acres (standard for 1 MW NY projects)
- **Utility:** New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG)
- **County:** Columbia County (NYISO Zone F – Capital Region)
- **Project Type:** Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV)

***** Same Size & Orientation As Proposed Ancram Solar Project = Shows Highly Visible Glare ~ 1 Mile From Array****