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California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102
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Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of my city, I urge you to keep California's rooftop solar programs strong. One of the most important policies that has helped grow rooftop solar in California is net energy metering, a policy that allows Californians to use energy from the sun to power their homes, apartments, schools, farms and businesses, and receive a bill credit for the excess electricity they send to the grid. This year, the California Public Utilities Commission is considering drastic changes to this critical program.

In 2021, Californians across our state have been faced with climate catastrophes. Our communities faced record heat waves, dangerous wildfires and increased air pollution. At this time we must speed up our transition to clean energy like rooftop solar plus storage, not undermine one of our best clean energy and climate programs.

Local solar and storage gives our communities clean energy choices that save money, keep the lights on, clean up our air, and fight climate change. To date, California's energy policies have also resulted in nearly 75,000 solar jobs. A strong net energy metering program is essential to a thriving rooftop solar industry.

Lastly, in order to decarbonize and reach 100 percent clean energy, we need to empower and incentivize California's residents and businesses to contribute to this effort. We must ensure that we are prioritizing the continued growth of local solar and battery storage and the benefits that they provide to all in our communities.

We encourage you to maintain a strong net energy metering program in California.

Sincerely,

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