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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Fwd: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Hello,

Please place the email below in Docket No. 20200000.

Thanks!

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Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000
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Dear Commissioner Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

The middle of a public health and economic crisis is not the time to create more uncertainty by making changes to solar rights that will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets.

Before COVID-19, the Sunshine state produced the 4th most electricity from solar panels in the country, and employed over 12,000 people. Before this crisis began, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and our industry employed 250,000 people. The COVID-19 crisis could put half, 125,000, of these jobs at risk in communities across the United States. Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce due to economic uncertainty, and this could get worse.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, and choose how they power their lives.

Solar panels and batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. As we enter hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not less – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,
Carsten Bethge
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