

Brian Schultz

From: Office of Chairman Clark
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon,

Please place the email below in Docket No. 20200000. Thank you!

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From: lloydschell@everyactioncustom.com [mailto:lloydschell@everyactioncustom.com]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Office of Chairman Clark
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Gary F. Clark,

My family invested in solar panels 11 years ago to help with the climate crisis and because of the killing of people over energy resources. We were cheated out of 10's of thousands of dollars of promised rebates by the state of Florida. We get by on our income, but is difficult. Taking away our net metering arrangement would further cheat us of what was promised us at that time and place further financial burden on our resources. Please do not act in such a way as to favor corporate profits over individuals who have acted in a prosocial manner.

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,
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