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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:11 AM
To: 'john.r.black.iii@gmail.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, John Black

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200000 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

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From: john.r.black.iii@everyactioncustom.com <john.r.black.iii@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:57 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

I am writing today to ask you to please protect and defend Solar Net Metering in Florida. This is an urgent issue. As a resident of Dunedin in Pinellas County, I strongly support Solar Net Metering. There is a strong groundswell of interest in residential solar energy in my community. Florida needs to continue to expand its energy generation alternatives. Harnessing the power of the Sun through solar power should be a top priority, after all, our Official Nickname is "the Sunshine State."

Before COVID-19, Florida 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 nationwide. The COVID-19 crisis could destroy up to 50% of these jobs 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.

We need deeper penetration of residential solar power and wider adoption from the public at large. We need to maintain net metering. Please defend solar workers, business owners, and homeowners from additional uncertainty by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,
John Black
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