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**From:** Jennifer Brownfield  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 20200000  
**Attachments:** Protect our solar rights! Docket 2020-0000; Protect net metering

Good afternoon,

Please add the attached emails to Docket No. 20200000.

Thank you,

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**From:** Richard Sommerville <Richard.Sommerville.362809183@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Subject:** Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown,

Time and time again, Florida's voters have made their support for policies meant to encourage the spread of rooftop solar clear. In 2016 voters rejected the utility-driven "Amendment 1", which would have prohibited the subsidization of solar energy, and approved 'Amendment 4', which provided tax exemptions for rooftop solar customers.

Florida is in the middle of a public health and economic crisis. Undermining the rights of solar customers to receive full compensation for the power they produce will hurt jobs and take money out of people's pockets. Now is not the time to create more uncertainty by changing the fundamental economic landscape of the solar industry.

Before COVID-19, the Sunshine state produced the fourth most electricity from solar panels in the country, led the country in new solar jobs, 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 threaten up to 125,000 of these jobs across the United States. Florida is struggling with an above 10% unemployment rate since May and the economic hardship could get worse if you end retail-rate net metering.

People and businesses across the state rely on commonsense solar policies to take control of their own energy. Solar benefits Floridians' safety too. Solar panels and batteries contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. As we progress through 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, homeowners, and our environment from additional uncertainty by preserving retail compensation for net metering here in Florida.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Deborah Keyes <Deborah.Keyes.362748046@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
**Subject:** Protect net metering

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Dear Commissioner Julie 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.

Regards,  
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