From: Betty Leland

Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 3:41 PM **To:** Commissioner Correspondence

Subject: Protect Our Solar Rights

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Good Afternoon:

Please place this email in Docket #2020000.

Thanks.

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From: Leithauser@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Leithauser

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:36 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

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Sincerely,
David Leithauser
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From: mgrossman48@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Grossman

<mgrossman48@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:29 PM

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Sincerely, Matthew Grossman 1624 Hulett Dr Brandon, FL 33511-2251

From: soulrebel185@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Griffith <soulrebel185

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:26 PM

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Sincerely, David Griffith 14635 Via Tivoli Ct Davie, FL 33325-6917

From: buddiesgrandpa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of George DeMonbreun

<buddlesgrandpa@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:14 PM

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Sincerely,
George DeMonbreun
1620 Willow Branch Ave Jacksonville, FL 32205-8111

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:08 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Chairman Art Graham,

As we struggle with a global pandemic, an economic crisis, and an active hurricane season, it is not the time to create more uncertainty by signaling a change in solar policies that are helping to make our state a leader in clean solar power and providing good paying local jobs.

At the start of 2020, Florida was ranked 4th in the nation for solar energy production, employing thousands of people and powering the Sunshine State with clean, affordable, homegrown energy. The economic downturn has already put many of these jobs and future solar development at risk - we don't need sudden regulatory changes in solar policies to create even more uncertainty here in Florida.

Our current net metering rule allows a number of Floridians to grow a segment of the solar market by choosing to power their homes and businesses with Florida's number one natural resource, sunshine. Florida citizens and customers overwhelmingly support the current successful net metering policy allowing compensation for the solar energy they generate and provide to the electricity grid.

Please protect the opportunity for business and homeowners to generate clean solar power and support local jobs by preserving our successful net metering rules here in Florida.

Sincerely, Barbara Fling Tampa, FL 33604 bmindful125@gmail.com

From: Imaron47@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Larry Maron < Imaron47

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:58 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Chairman Art Graham,

I purchased solar panels three years ago because I felt strongly that I should do more to protect the environment. At that time, the electric utilities did not appear to be embracing the use of solar as a source of energy, instead relying on fossil fueled power plants that continued to contribute to global warming. Net metering played a big part in the sizing of my system and I do not see why it should be eliminated - I based my purchasing decision on it and should not be penalized because all of a sudden the utilities see a loss of revenue from the proliferation of roof top solar energy. The utilities need to embrace and support the use of roof top solar energy and use it to provide greater reliability to neighborhoods through the use of micro-grids (aka distributed grids, virtual power plants). Furthermore, amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

Before COVID-19, I am told that "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and the solar 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. In the Sunshine state, before this crisis began, the solar industry employed over 12,000 Floridians. Now, over 1 million Floridians are unemployed, and Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce.

People and businesses across the state rely on common sense solar policies to take control of their own energy, save money, and choose how they power their lives. The utilities need to figure out how to encourage the use of home solar and reduce reliance on large fossil fuel power plants.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely, Larry Maron 2262 W Vina Del Mar Blvd St Pete Beach, FL 33706-2844

From: Ila3605@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lydia Anderson < Ila3605

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:56 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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Sincerely, Lydia Anderson Tampa, FL 33629 lla3605@verizon.net

From: resilk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of elizabeth mitchell

<resilk@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:55 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: I support Solar Choice in the Sunshine State - Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Commissioner Chairman Art Graham,

You have the choice to make alternative options available so your grandchildren and children may be able to survive the coming crises, or you can choose to keep your heads in the sand. for old people - who cares we're almost done. it is for the young that we ask a way to open for THEIR future.

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Sincerely, elizabeth mitchell Tampa, FL 33603 resilk@live.com

From: jamhen2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Henderson <jamhen2

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:54 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Chairman Art Graham,

Please approve net metering. It is crucial to the environmental health of the state and the physical health of it's residents, that we reduce the use of carbon based energy

Sincerely, James Henderson 32 Vista Gardens Trl Apt 107 Vero Beach, FL 32962-1732

From: gurlguardian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of patricia meyers

<gurlguardian@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:51 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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Sincerely, patricia meyers Saint Petersburg, FL 33705 gurlguardian@gmail.com

From: stephenmcfarland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve McFarland

<stephenmcfarland@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:47 PM

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Sincerely, Steve McFarland Tampa, FL 33610 stephenmcfarland@gmail.com

From: dac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of kathleen roy

<dac@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:39 PM

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Sincerely, kathleen roy 1673 NE 34th Ln Oakland Park, FL 33334-5375

From: di7256@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Felci <di7256

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Diane Felci
1200 S Missouri Ave Apt 131 Clearwater, FL 33756-9186

From: gemsvirtues.megmu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margaret Muhammad-

Urban <gemsvirtues.megmu@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Margaret Muhammad-Urban
245 Marlin Dr Merritt Island, FL 32952-5151

From: 4jaz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jaz Putman

<4jaz@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:10 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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USA - Lets not get left behind as the world turns to Solar - Amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

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Sincerely,
Jaz Putman
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From: tedtrow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of E.H.Trowbridge

<tedtrow@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:03 PM

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Sincerely, E.H. Trowbridge 3920 Bal Harbor Blvd Apt D8 Punta Gorda, FL 33950-8284

From: LARRYSCADUTO@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lawrence Scaduto

<LARRYSCADUTO@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:58 PM

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Florida has sunshine most of the year. Why solar is not mandated is almost criminal. Solar should be encouraged everywhere. It's good for business and it's good for the environment.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely, Lawrence Scaduto 13007 Pebble Beach Cir Hudson, FL 34667-3018

From: popcomics@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Doug Landau

<popcomics@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:49 PM

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Sincerely,
Doug Landau
150 73rd St S St Petersburg, FL 33707-1143

From: mrrexmsjd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Earl jordan

<mrrexmsjd@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Earl jordan
35 Balfour Rd W Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418-7091

From: milomorai01@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gavi Stevens <milomorai01

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:45 PM

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The utility monopolies are always crying that they lose money from those that have solar power yet they are the only companies that have a guaranteed rate of return instead of floating with the economy like all other industries. They use every reason under the sun to charge their customers for every expense they can to minimize their costs so they can keep their profits high - this time should not be one of them. Their reasoning that low income families will be hurt because they subsidize solar powered homes is ridiculous due to the low number of those homes - only 1% of the power generated in 2019.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely,
Gavi Stevens
460 Deville Dr E Largo, FL 33771-1113

From: daswim@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Swim

<daswim@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:31 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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Dear Chairman Art Graham,

Don't fight solar, support it! Our future depends on it. Your statutes both allow and encourage it. Tell the utilities firmly NO, we're not opening this can of worms...and we want you to come up with ways to expand solar, not block it.

Solar creates jobs, reduces power bills, and helps clean the air and water while protecting our climate. These benefits are especially needed in the current Amid a public health and economic crisis.

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Sincerely,
Deb Swim
1323 Diamond St Tallahassee, FL 32301-4718

From: sacedric@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Carrick

<sacedric@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:27 PM

To: Office of Commissioner Graham

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Dear Chairman Art Graham,

Amid a public health and economic crisis, it's clear that Florida's electric utilities should be doing a whole lot more to promote rooftop solar - a known job creator that keeps money in families' pockets.

As someone who worked in the oil and gas industry for many years, and who has lost their job as a result of COVID-19, I believe switching more of our power to renewables is not only good for the planet, but for the economy.

Before COVID-19, "solar installer" was the fastest growing job in the country, and the solar 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. In the Sunshine state, before this crisis began, the solar industry employed over 12,000 Floridians. Now, over 1 million Floridians are unemployed, and Florida has already lost 22% of its workforce.

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

Not only does solar create jobs and save us money, but when paired with batteries, solar panels can contribute to the resilience of the electric grid and provide back-up power in emergencies. As we face another intense hurricane season, Floridians need more tools – not fewer – in order to weather all the storms that are coming our way.

Thank you for defending solar workers, business owners, and residents by protecting our bedrock solar policies here in Florida.

Sincerely,
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