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**From:** Charlie Smith on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:16 PM  
**To:** 'butchtress@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Encouraging Stronger Support for Solar Power Policies

Good Afternoon, Linda Richardson,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20230000, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Best regards,

*Charlie Smith II*

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**From:** Linda Richardson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
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Florida Public Service Commission Clerk,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the state's commitment to energy freedom. Florida's pro-business regulations have allowed individuals and businesses to choose their energy sources, empowering property owners to install solar panels and participate in "net metering."

It is essential to maintain and reinforce these rules that promote individual choice and free-market principles. Net metering not only encourages the adoption of solar power but also fosters healthy competition within the energy sector, reducing the influence of monopolistic utility companies.

The recent natural gas surge in 2022, driven by the conflict in Ukraine, highlighted the vulnerability of relying heavily on fossil fuels. Florida's overreliance on natural gas-powered plants, accounting for 75% of our electricity, demands a diversification of energy sources for economic and environmental stability.

I urge you to stand firm in supporting energy freedom, particularly through net metering. Your unwavering commitment to these principles will lead us towards a more sustainable and prosperous future for Florida.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving our state.

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