

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Plaza Level, The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Re: CS/CS/HB 741 “Net Metering” Veto Request**

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The 76 below-signed organizations from across Florida urge you to veto CS/CS/HB 741, the “Net Metering” bill.

Over the next seven years, CS/CS/HB 741 will reduce by approximately 80% the credit new net metering customers earn against their power bill. This cut in the return on investment will make the financing of solar panels cost-prohibitive. Installers will leave the state, and energy burdened families will remain trapped, unable to make an investment to increase their equity.

The Sunshine State is obviously a prime location for solar energy production, and the most recognizable and accessible form of that production for the average Floridian is rooftop solar. This industry provides an option for Florida’s homeowners to save money on their monthly energy bills, gain some relief from volatile energy markets, and choose a more sustainable option to reduce air pollution in their communities. On top of the benefits for consumers of rooftop solar, the industry has also provided significant economic benefits to the state, including but not limited to:

1. Supporting more than 40,000 jobs;
2. Contributing \$3.3 Billion to federal, state, and local tax revenues; and
3. Contributing \$10.6 Billion to the state’s gross domestic product.<sup>1</sup>

CS/CS/HB 741 will decimate Florida’s nascent solar industry and hinder the expansion of rooftop solar in the Sunshine State. This bill will eliminate thousands of jobs, shutter hundreds of businesses, and hobble one of the greatest tools available to combat the ongoing climate crisis.

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<sup>1</sup>“The Comprehensive Economic Development Impacts of the Rooftop Solar Power Industry on the State of Florida,” *The Washington Economics Group, Inc. for Conservatives for Clean Energy Florida*, November 2021. <https://www.cleanenergyconservatives.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CCE-Rooftop-Solar-Report-November-2021-1.pdf>

An overwhelming 84% of Florida’s voters support the current net metering system (including 76% of Republicans).<sup>2</sup>

**We urge you to veto CS/CS/HB 741.**

Sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> “Florida Rooftop Solar Poll,” *Mason Dixon Polling and Strategy*, February, 2022.  
<https://www.flaseia.org/assets/pdf/Florida+Rooftop+Solar+Poll+Results+-+Feb+2022/>

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