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From: Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:12 AM
To: 'janestan@bellsouth.net'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good morning, Janet Stanko

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: janestan@everyactioncustom.com <janestan@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:39 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

As the chair of the Northeast Florida Sierra Club representing over 5,000 members and supporters, I have been a long time advocate for solar energy. We see net metering as an important part of the cost benefit equation that potential solar users use in evaluating installation of solar panels.

In Northeast Florida we have many solar marketing and installation companies who hire high school graduates and pay a middle income wage, some with benefits.

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.

Sincerely,

Janet Stanko

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