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**From:** Jacob Veughn on behalf of Records Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'edwardsj@mydelraybeach.com'  
**Cc:** Consumer Contact  
**Subject:** RE: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Good afternoon, John Edwards

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: edwardsj@everyactioncustom.com <edwardsj@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:04 AM  
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>  
Subject: Protect our solar rights! Docket: 2020-0000

Dear Florida Public Service Commission,

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 of these jobs at risk in communities across the United States.

Many other industries receive huge subsidies from the U.S. government, sugar, oil, even banks. These subsidies are justified by the stability they provide to industries which are important to our country. The government has also determined that incentives for going solar are appropriate. I agree this is good for our country's future, leading to jobs in construction and manufacturing, a cleaner environment, and less reliance on foreign oil. Generating energy from solar power is good for our country, and Florida needs common sense solar policies to continue this trend. Maximize the benefits of the tax incentives for alternative energy, and do not allow large utility companies to monopolize the electricity market.

Solar panels and batteries also contribute to the resilience of the electric grid. During hurricane season especially, 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 the huge opportunity that distributed solar power gives to our country, by preserving net metering here in Florida.

Sincerely,

John Edwards

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