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**Subject:** City of Coral Springs, Florida | Resolution 2022-005

Good morning,

On February 2, 2022, the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2022-005, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA, STRONGLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1024 AND COMPANION BILL HOUSE BILL 741 IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE WHICH SEEK TO DECIMATE NET ENERGY METERING AND THE EXPANSION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

For your reference, a copy of this Resolution has been attached to this email.

Sincerely,



**Amy Gastineau**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 -005**

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**WHEREAS**, Net Energy Metering ("NEM") is designed to support the installation of customer-sited renewable energy generation; and

**WHEREAS**, NEM allows electricity customers to generate power themselves with rooftop solar and offset it against the electricity they buy from their utility and then they can ultimately save money on their utility bills and receive bill credits for excess solar power generated they don't use and is then shared with the power grid to serve nearby customers; and

**WHEREAS**, NEM is what has allowed solar to become increasingly accessible to low- and moderate-income households in Florida and empowers Floridians to have choices in how they receive and pay for electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is one of 47 states in the United States that allow homeowners and business owners to produce power and sell it back to the energy grid and providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the rooftop solar industry supports sustained economic development throughout the State by generating over \$18 billion to the Florida's economy and net metering supports over 40,500 direct and indirect jobs in Florida<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Solar Industry has the second largest solar workforce in the United State provides over 11,000 direct jobs, as reported by the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Solar Jobs Census<sup>23</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill ("SB") 1024<sup>4</sup>, and its related bill, House Bill ("HB") 741<sup>5</sup>, have been filed for consideration during the 2022 Florida State Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposals, as introduced, would slash the credits that customers receive for sharing their excess electricity with the power grid, thereby making customer-sited renewable energy more expensive, increasing the amount of time it takes for customers to pay off

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<sup>1</sup> The Washington Economics Group, Inc. on behalf of Conservatives for Clean Energy Florida, "The Comprehensive Economic Development Impacts of the Rooftop Solar Power Industry on the State of Florida," November 2, 2021, <https://www.cleanenergyconservatives.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CCE-Rooftop-Solar-Report-November-2021-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://irecusa.org/resources/national-solar-jobs-census-2020/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.scia.org/state-solar-policy/florida-solar>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1024>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/741>

their solar systems, and significantly diminishing the installation of distributed solar in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, many in the solar industry, homeowners, and providers oppose legislation that restricts the expansion of rooftop solar in Florida and organizations in opposition include but are not limited to the League of Women Voters Florida, Florida Conservation Voters, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Solar United Neighbors, Catalyst Miami, the CLEO Institute, and Vote Solar; and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental and Climate Justice Chair of the Florida NAACP Florida State Conference, Lewis Jennings, wrote "Power companies' attack on home-based solar energy demonstrates their continued insistence that their customers rely on outdated, dangerous sources of energy that put Florida closer to the devastating consequences of climate change. That poses an even greater threat to minorities and disadvantaged communities, as they will experience the first and worst damage from the warming climate. For the sake of these vulnerable communities, Florida must ensure that important clean energy policies are preserved and advanced. The Legislature should stop this unfair, unwanted attack on net metering and the Florida communities who benefit from it:"<sup>6</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Springs cannot meet its clean energy goals with utility scale solar alone; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding access to rooftop solar in the City of Coral Springs will support resiliency, provide environmental and public health benefits by reducing air emissions, lessen the impacts of the climate crisis, avoid the need to build costly power generation, add value directly to the local economy by supporting local job creation, and contribute to the achievement of reliability and clean energy goals; and

**WHEREAS**, we are in a climate change crisis and need to make the transition to clean energy more accessible and affordable for everyday Floridians with every tool possible which includes rooftop solar.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The Coral Springs City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 1024, House Bill 741, or similar legislation that would decimate net energy metering and the expansion of rooftop solar energy in Florida.

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<sup>6</sup> Jennings, Lewis. "An attack on solar net metering threatens Florida's disadvantaged communities |Opinion." *Sun Sentinel*, 26 December 2021, <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/commentary/fl-op-com-invading-sea-net-metering-solar-low-income-2021126-xp6fcy2nmbqhlpczlykw5i2rsa-story.html>

**SECTION 3.** The City Commission of Coral Springs supports expanding clean energy access by making it easier, not harder, for Floridians to adopt rooftop solar in all communities and households, particularly those struggling to pay for electricity.

**SECTION 4.** The City Commission of Coral Springs directs the City Clerk to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker Ted Deutch, Senator Lauren Book, Representative Dan Daley, Representative Christine Hunschofsky, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Broward State Legislative Delegation, and the Broward League of Cities.

**SECTION 5.** The City Commission of Coral Springs directs the City's state lobbyists to advocate against the legislation above and authorizes amending the 2022 State Legislative Package to include this item.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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SCOTT BROOK, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
Debra Thomas  
DEBRA THOMAS, CMC, CITY CLERK

Unanimous   
Motion / 2<sup>nd</sup>

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