

Dear House Energy Committee Members,

I'm writing in support of H.716 and ask that you please include my comments in the public record. This bill is critical to making solar affordable for all Vermonters. I have had rooftop solar on my home since 2016 -- and net metering has made having solar more affordable for my family. However, since 2018, the PUC has consistently reduced the compensation rate paid to new residential net metering customers, making solar far less affordable. Combined with the Trump Administration's anti-renewable actions, further cuts to net metering would put solar out of reach for most Vermont families, reducing the amount of solar power we generate in the built environment. This bill would help to partially offset the loss of the federal tax credit with no impact on the state budget and a negligible impact on electric bills. It would also give a reprieve to Vermont's residential solar industry and would reduce pressure on solar providers amid the loss of these federal tax credits.

Sincerely,

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