

Hello Alex –

I am writing to express my and my company's support of legislation that has been introduced to stop the Public Utility Commission from increasing the unnecessary taxes on Vermonters who are trying to save money through solar net metering.

However – there is a matter of I believe even higher urgency: the terrible conflict caused by the Vermont Legislature's ending of Group Net Metering through Act 179 of 2024. The solar industry relies on procedures and regulations set via Rule 5.100 as published by the Public Utilities Commission, which still states that group metering is allowed. Acts of the Vermont Legislature, such as Act 99, have set priorities but have ultimately directed the Commission as to how to update Rule 5.100. Act 179 is distinct in that it attempts to make a sweeping change by itself.

If such a change is desired, the appropriate process is for the Legislature to direct the PUC to make the change in its next scheduled Biennial Update to 5.100, which will occur in July 2026, and only impact projects whose CPG Applications are filed after that date. This will provide advance notice, and ability for comments to be filed.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I would be happy to supply more information, or even testify, on this matter.

Best regards,

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