



January 16, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Protect Rooftop Solar Power**

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of California and I am very concerned that a proposed decision before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will destroy the growth of rooftop solar, and make it far harder for us to meet our state's climate goals.

Multiple studies have shown that the sustained growth of rooftop solar in California must be a key component of the state's efforts to slow the climate crisis. Moreover, rooftop solar provides multiple benefits to all ratepayers, including minimizing the amount of new transmission needed, improving energy resiliency amid our increasingly extreme weather, and decreasing demand for polluting fossil fuels. Rooftop solar can also serve as the gateway for households to electrify their gas-powered vehicles and gas-fired appliances, facilitating deeper reductions in climate and air pollution.

The CPUC's proposed decision would devastate the rooftop solar industry by slashing the compensation for excess energy, imposing an extreme fixed monthly charge, and injecting new complexity. Taken together, this would put rooftop solar out of reach for the majority of California households and would be disastrous for California's rooftop solar industry, the climate, and the environment. It would also be a gift to the major electric utilities, who want to maintain as much control as possible over our energy future.

I'm counting on you to urge the CPUC to reject this decision and develop an alternative proposed decision that encourages the growth of rooftop solar. Rooftop solar has many benefits for ratepayers and the environment. It can make our grid more resilient to extreme weather, help cut fossil fuel pollution, and use our already developed areas to produce as much of our clean energy as possible.

Please urge the California Public Utilities Commission to protect rooftop solar.

Sincerely,

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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