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Bob Stump, Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Bob Burns, Susan Bitter Smith
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Dear Commissioners,

Several months ago, I sent an email in response to a Call to Action from the Arizona School Business Officials Association concerning Arizona's net metering policies and the potential for them being changed. Since sending that email, I have received further information about the net metering issue currently before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). I now recognize that the proposed changes being considered at this time will not impact the Washington Elementary School District. I am, therefore, clarifying my previous communication to you.

The current net metering policy for our school facilities is an essential part of the cost formula that makes solar possible for public school districts working to save tax-payers' dollars. APS is a great partner to our school district in many ways. We have worked cooperatively with APS and appreciate our partnership in implementing solar to our benefit.

We understand that the current net metering process will not change for schools or businesses as a result of the discussions related to the proposals being considered by ACC at this time. We are taking no position in regard to those discussions.

If in the future discussions around net metering policies are directed toward commercial, and in particular schools, we would reconsider our position. We would at that time ask the ACC to consider that schools be grandfathered into any new policies in a manner that would be beneficial to school districts operating under existing contracts.

We appreciate the work of the ACC in developing policies that help school districts reduce costs. We look forward to leveraging these policies for the benefit of our schools and our students.

Sincerely,
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Director of Facility Planning and Energy
Washington Elementary School District

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