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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

As a constituent I respectfully ask you to support rooftop solar and to reject the APS proposal to make solar less accessible and more expensive. With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, Arizona should be a leader in solar energy. And thanks in part to strong vision at the ACC, the cost of solar has plummeted in recent years. Despite this dramatic progress, solar is still in its infancy, representing well under 2% of Arizona's electricity. It would be unwise public policy to pull the rug from under this burgeoning industry that at last count already directly employs 10,000 Arizonans according to the Solar Foundation.

A recent study found that because of net metering, APS customers alone will receive \$34 million in grid benefits each year, starting in 2015. These benefits include delaying the need for additional grid infrastructure and power plants. I hope you also will consider the very real health and environmental benefits we will enjoy as Arizona cleans up its energy system and cuts pollution.

Here in Arizona, we should be leading in solar power - setting the example. By embracing solar, we could be improving not only our environment, but our economy. Please do not make solar less accessible - harder for people to adopt.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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