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Chairman and Commissioners:

As Mayor of Goodyear, I am encouraged by the opportunities the solar industry can provide for the residents of our community and the State of Arizona.

Issues related to the use and compensation of solar power must be addressed in order to realize our state's solar potential. I sincerely hope all available alternatives are explored leading to a fair and equitable solution for all parties involved. The goal is for the solar industry to grow and prosper, all while creating a program that remains sustainable over time.

In 2011, APS and an organization called Arizona Smart Power requested that I assist them in encouraging the use of solar power among our residents. I recognized the benefit of this growing industry and through the help of community ambassadors; we spread the word about the positive impacts of solar. Within just one year, over 11% of Goodyear households had solar installations on their rooftops. The increased demand for solar installations has created thousands of jobs throughout the state.

As you can imagine, those same members of our community who were motivated and excited about solar power were extremely concerned when they heard about APS's proposal. They have not hesitated to express those concerns. They believe in solar power as a clean energy alternative for the future, and they want to be assured that we allow the industry to flourish.



APS has always been a great community partner to the City of Goodyear. Arizona is home to APS, and they demonstrate their interest in the success of our State through their actions and contributions.

My concern with APS's proposal prompted me to contact their executives. It was important that I express to them the concerns of my citizens and allow them the opportunity to explain their situation. To their credit, APS has been extremely attentive and has implemented compromises, including a grandfather clause allowing existing solar customers to continue with their current agreement for twenty years. In addition to discussing options with me, they have also been willing to sit down and discuss the situation with our residents.

I realize that solar installations have exceeded projections and I understand APS' concerns about the financial sustainability of the industry's continued growth. However, as an ambassador and supporter of the solar industry, I want to continue to represent the views of our residents who were encouraged and congratulated for their decision to personally invest in the generation of solar power.

I encourage all parties involved to compromise and explore alternatives that will allow Arizona's solar industry to grow and prosper in a way that is sustainable for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia Lord".

Georgia Lord  
Mayor