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Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith:

I'd like to start by thanking the Commission for addressing the need to update Arizona's net metering policy, and for allowing Prosper an opportunity to share its perspective. It is clear that you and your staff have undertaken a careful examination of the issues presented by the existing policy, and we look forward to your discussion and consideration of the matter.

As an Arizona-based organization devoted to free enterprise, Prosper strongly supports changes that will address the basic fairness issues presented by the current policy. The subsidies provided under the current policy have resulted in an unfair burden on non-solar customers, and the situation is getting worse, not better.

It's very important to remember that this debate is not about solar on rooftops or anywhere else. It is about fairness for all ratepayers and ensuring that Arizonans continue to enjoy a reliable grid and a bright future.

Regardless of our state's net metering policy, individuals should be and are able to choose solar, and Prosper is strongly in support of preserving that choice. This is fundamental to the values of the free market. However, the free market requires that the opposite be true as well. Individuals should be free to choose not to install solar, and that choice should not carry an additional burden.

Again, this is about fairness, and a fair policy is just better. We ask you to support changes that preserve choice, including solar, while still ensuring fair rates for all customers and a strong, reliable grid. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Wold

**Executive Director, Prosper** 

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