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Dear Commissioners:

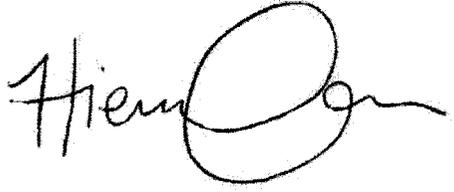
After all the years of debate over solar power and more green energy, surely we have to admit that the practice of subsidizing the solar industry has not worked. Solar panels are still not affordable for the average household and the savings on utility bills is non-existent. Yet, we continue to pick the winners and losers in our society. We reward the solar industry with tax dollar subsidy and the promises made that not only was it the right thing to do to save our planet, installing solar panels would ultimately save the users lots of money.

So the tax money that goes to the solar industry is wasted, but the solar industry wins. Those who wanted to do the right thing and purchased or leased solar panels for their home lose because they haven't seen the huge savings they had anticipated.

The time has come to work this out. We have to stop giving away money of projects that just don't work. In fact, if tax credits are so important, then they must be given to the land owner instead of the solar company.

I know this is a complex problem, but it is part of what you were elected to do and we know you are capable. Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely,



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Dear Commissioners:

Solar power and Solar panels sound like such a good idea. One almost feels guilty if you are not entirely in favor of increased use of solar and the sales tactics of those in the solar industry are very good at marketing, playing to your concerns for a cleaner and safer environment. It all sounds so simple.

The truth is we aren't there yet. We have not yet found a way to make solar panels affordable for the average household and we've made matters worse by giving tax subsidies to the solar companies. The solar panel installers then lease or sell to the homeowners who do not reap a tax subsidy. If home owners buy the panels, they are very expensive and perhaps they'll recover their investment in 20 years (which is not a certainty) or they lease the panels and have nothing to show for that investment because the subsidy has gone to the solar company.

As this issue comes up again, hopefully this time everyone concerned will see that when government picks the winners and losers, the end user is always picked to lose. I don't know how we can even begin to unwind the subsidies that have been established, but if there must be a subsidy for solar power panels, at minimum the tax subsidy should go to the home owner not the solar company. It shouldn't be an additional subsidy. It should be a trade. Ideally, we may one day get to the point that solar gets no subsidy, but for now the winner shouldn't be exclusively for solar companies.

I trust you will take this matter seriously and see that all this business of feeling good about solar is just not worth all the tax dollars that it takes to end up with no net gain.

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