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Dear Chairman Soliday,

We write you today as nearly forty businesses that provide solar energy options and lower electric bills for Indiana homeowners, farmers, churches, schools, libraries, municipal and county government entities, as well as business and industrial electric customers—through the use of net metering. While providing Hoosiers with a clean energy choice, we also create good-paying jobs for solar equipment installers, union electricians, and others in the solar manufacturing and distribution process.

Our businesses employ hundreds of people and also buy substantial amounts of goods and services here in Indiana. According to The Solar Foundation, the number of solar-related jobs in Indiana has more than doubled in the past four years, totaling roughly 3,500 in 2019.

The growth of Indiana’s solar industry and the jobs and economic development associated with it over the last few years will be severely impacted when the 2017 law SEA 309 goes into full effect and the opportunity for retail rate net metering ends in 2022.

Without legislative action this Session of the Indiana General Assembly, prospective solar customers will be discouraged from making the investment because utility companies are poised to stop crediting net metering customers at the retail rate for the excess energy they add to the grid. When the 2017 SEA 309 goes into full effect, utility companies will credit such customers at a mere fraction of the retail rate, estimated to be just twenty percent of the credit they receive now, from approximately \$.15 per kWh to \$.03 per kWh in at least one utility territory (according to testimony filed in the Vectren/Centerpoint petition to replace net metering in Cause No. 45378).

We are united in urging you to extend net metering and increase the current 1.5% cap on capacity, therefore allowing for additional solar installation and adoption. We also ask you to consider hiring an independent firm to conduct a study on the value of solar to guide future energy policy proposals. There are many bills that could serve as a vehicle for extending net metering, including HB 1394 (Cook), SB 249 (Alting) and SB 420 (Yoder) which all have yet to be scheduled for a hearing.

We are pleased to do business in Indiana and seek to continue to expand the economic benefits that the solar industry provides to Hoosier property owners of all types. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our request and our companies in more detail with you.

As it relates to net metering, time is of the essence. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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- Bulldog Energy
- Casey Electric LLC
- Emergent Solar Energy
- Green Alternatives, Inc.
- Green Energy Systems, LLC
- GRNE Solar Indiana
- Inovateus Solar
- iWire Energy Solutions
- Jefferson Electric LLC
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- MC Simons Inc.
- Midwest Wind and Solar
- Modern Mill Solar
- Morton Solar
- MPI Solar
- National Energy Control
- Ohio Valley Solar
- One Planet Solar
- Ortman Drilling and Water Services
- Performance Services Inc.
- Power Electric LLC
- PSG Energy Group
- Rectify Solar
- Renewable Energy of Indiana
- Renewable Energy Systems-Midwest
- Solar Energy Solutions, LLC
- Solar Energy Systems, LLC
- Solential Energy LLC
- Solscient Energy LLC
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