

Dear Representative _____,

Please Support Rep. Ross' HB1580!

I am writing this letter to ask for your help. We recently installed solar photovoltaic panels on our property in _____

Even with the PA Sunshine Grant the upfront cost was substantial. We were counting on the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), which the state created, to make the solar project affordable. Unfortunately, due to the tremendous success of the Sunshine Grant Program and large federal tax incentives, there is now a massive oversupply of SRECs on Pennsylvania and their value has dropped by more than 70% in the last 6 months from over \$300/SREC to under \$100/SREC. Without any changes from Harrisburg, the market has enough solar installed now to meet demand for the next three years. We won't see any recovery in prices and the state will lose many of the jobs that were created by the solar industry.

In addition to the oversupply from Pennsylvania based solar facilities, Pennsylvania is one of only two states (the other is Washington, DC) that will accept solar credits from any of the other 13 PJM states. This will crowd out future installations in Pennsylvania and makes our ratepayers support jobs and solar installations in other states. That makes no sense at all, especially when most other states with solar credit programs have closed their borders.

I am asking you to support Representative Chris Ross' solar HB1580, which now has about 30 co-sponsors, to correct these two issues. First, the bill would move some of the solar demand in future years to next year. It won't increase the overall solar requirement at the end of the AEPS program in 2021, it will merely move it up sooner to correct the current supply and demand imbalance caused by the successful Sunshine Grant Program and federal tax incentives. Also, it would close the borders of Pennsylvania, so that only solar facilities based in Pennsylvania would receive financial support from Pennsylvania ratepayers.

I hope you will use your leadership position to quickly move this important legislation forward without amendments.

Thank you for your help with this important matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
