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Director Howland --

I'm writing to defend the net metering program. Some points quickly:

- \* Rooftop solar is an important way to build resiliency and jobs.
- \* Renewable energy is adding more jobs to the economy than oil and gas.
- \* Rooftop solar is well matched to a state with many small contractors.
- \* A well-developed portfolio of renewable energy makes a stronger grid, one better able to withstand and recover from events like the 2008 ice storm which we lived through. (We lost power for a week.)
- \* Rooftop solar reduces peak demand in summer, reducing transmission rates to all customers.
- \* Finally – and this can't stressed enough – this is the route we must take to fight climate change.
- \* Net metering benefits everyone. Distributed energy is the future. Let's not allow old, entrenched utilities to block the way.

Thank you,

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