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Dear Members of the PUC,

Thank you for your service to the State of New Hampshire. I understand that in 2024, this commission will decide how much NH homeowners, businesses, and municipalities will get paid for their investment in solar power on their property.

I am a 35 year resident of NH. I do not have rooftop solar on my property, but I do have friends who do. I support NEM. It is good for NH and good for its residents.

I am writing to encourage you to consider NH History and values when making your decision regarding Net Energy Metering (NEM).

- NH has a history and culture of **local control** and local decision-making. Please honor this history by supporting NEM as a way for homeowners and businesses to take **control** of their energy bill. Solar energy allows residents and businesses to exercise more control and insulate themselves from volatile swings in global energy markets -- like we saw with NATural gas at the beginning of the war in Ukraine.
- Support our "Live **free** or Die" motto-- support NEM because it gives us the **freedom** to generate some or all of our own electricity and be fairly compensated for excess energy that we put into the grid.
- NH Residents are resilient and self-sufficient. NEM allows us to move towards energy self sufficiency because we generate our own electricity. Plus, excess energy produced can be credited against future bills, leading to significant savings.

Thank you for taking these points into consideration when you make your decision.

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