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**Subject:** Concerned about the future of net metering in NH (PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Dear Governor Sununu,

I'm writing on behalf of the New Hampshire Housing Authority Corporation (NHHAC). NHHAC represents the state's Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and the tens of thousands of low-income Granite Staters we help house, and the tens of thousands more languishing on our waiting lists, hoping for a chance at finding safe, high quality housing that they can afford. We recently learned that the NH Public Utilities Commission is close to releasing an Order concerning PUC Docket DE 22-060 on Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure. We understand a Settlement Agreement has been filed by the three investor-owned electric utilities, Clean Energy NH, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the NH Hydro Association.

NHHAC is urging the PUC to accept the Settlement Agreement. New Hampshire's PHAs are responsible for maintaining our public housing portfolios in good order, despite years-long capital and operating fund shortfalls. In the face of chronic federal disinvestment in this vital public infrastructure, we are singularly focused on finding ways of reducing our operating costs. Most of the costs developers and property managers face have increased significantly in recent years. One area, however, where we're beginning to see a real opportunity to reduce costs is electricity. Participating in net metering, municipal, and low-moderate income community solar projects offers PHAs a path to reducing our costs and our carbon footprints.

We have been heartened to see New Hampshire making real progress in removing barriers to renewable energy production that will help us prolong the useful lives of the public assets we're responsible for preserving. We hope that the PUC won't act to close or disrupt this emerging opportunity at a critical moment in our state's growing renewal energy economy.

I am copying the PUC Clerk on this email so that our concern and support for the Settlement Agreement will be entered into the docket.

Thank you for all you have done to help increase production of desperately needed housing for low and moderate income Granite Staters. We have a ways to go, but it does feel like we're making real progress.

Sincerely,

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