

# Exhibit A: Excerpts of Letters from Rooftop Solar Owners and Installers

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Representative excerpts from public comments submitted to Solar United Neighbors and Vote Solar via Savesolar.org

“This is a big country. Like everything else, our states and regions have a variety of energy models. It's not a one-size-fits-all approach. The Federal Government should not hamstring states from doing what's best for them. For example, in my state, solar energy provides local peak energy resources on high-demand summer days. One of our strengths as a country is innovation. NERA's petition would stifle innovation. As states and regions innovate new models, some solutions will rise to the top and the whole country will benefit. Don't stifle innovation!” (Alisa McMahon, Scottsdale, AZ)

“I am a rural home owner, engineer, and farmer in the Florida Panhandle where I have installed a significant solar system (21 Kw) to provide primary power to my home and farm. I did this due to having numerous, sporadic power outages over the years from hurricanes and bad weather. It also gives me the opportunity to contribute to the community my excess generated power. I have always had an excellent relationship with the local power company where I contribute to the overall power structure they own and operate. This power system is a significant portion of my retirement strategy, and if it is removed from my control, my potential retirement will suffer immeasurably. I also gain much satisfaction in doing as much as possible to conserve environmental resources for the good of all of us.” (Frank Borsi, Baker, FL)

“I own a solar company, and help employ people in [Illinois]....The NERA petition directly threatens my business, and during this global pandemic, FERC should deny any effort that would cause even more job losses.” (Rex Irby, Elmhurst, IL)

“I am a low-income homeowner who used a portion of my retirement money to install solar panels on my home in an effort to do my part to mitigate the disastrous effects of climate change.... To lose net-metering, would be financially devastating to me. And solar owners are not the only ones saving with local solar.” (Robin Migalla, Elgin, IL)

“I urge you to deny the petition to strip states of their right to regulate energy choices. As a retiree on a fixed income, I thought I was prudent to invest in rooftop solar to limit my monthly utility bills within my future income. I am one of the 1300 Kansas families and 200+ Kansas businesses who have invested our own dollars in solar energy as a way to secure energy independence. The federal government should not overrule these families and businesses.” (Jane Byrnes, Wichita, KS)

“Two years ago my husband and I purchased solar panels for our home. Although this required a significant chunk of our savings, we knew that with net metering, this was a sound investment for people on a fixed income. We were also motivated by our deep concerns over fossil fuel pollution and the climate crisis.... Distributed solar is profoundly important for personal energy budgeting, community energy resilience, and the reduction of greenhouse gasses and fossil fuel co-pollutants. I urge you to ... deny

this petition and let states make their own energy choices.” (Catherine Clement, Lexington, KY)

“I have severe asthma and it matters to me how we get our energy. Please do not make it harder to have solar make sense economically. My asthma treatment costs my insurance company around \$28,000 a year. Externalities like air pollution from coal fired power just make people like me pay more.” (Megan Naseman, Berea, KY)

“I am a citizen, not a wholesale electricity generating corporation. When I made the decision to purchase solar for my home, I did so for several reasons: First, I drive an electric car, and I wanted to reduce the amount of pollution I am contributing. By driving on the solar energy that I produce, I am not polluting at all and I am helping to clean the air for Marylanders and reduce global warming for the planet. Second, by also purchasing a battery (PowerWall), I am able to improve the reliability of my energy supply in a clean and responsible way that also protects the environment, rather than purchasing a polluting generator. Third, I am taking advantage of the existing net-metering laws to reduce my own electricity expenses over the long term. The hope is that I can protect myself from higher electricity prices as well as essentially 'pre-pay' for electricity that I will generate. In no way am I attempting to generate electricity to sell to others. I do not run a business, and I do not profit from my solar power generation. My solar generation is for myself and not for public sale to others....As a consumer, I think I should be able to pay for electricity I consume (net) on an annual basis (the way net-metering works now), rather than to be treated like a corporation for any electricity that is produced in excess of electricity consumed on a minute by minute (or even daily or monthly) basis. The existing net-metering laws are necessary to encourage consumers to help clean up their own energy and the environment. The solar and battery that we pay to install ends up helping to balance usage on the grid as well. In the heat of the summer when everyone is running their air-conditioning, solar is generally producing at its maximum. So, my electricity that is being produced in excess goes to my neighbors who do not have solar. The electric company does not have to increase their power generation at those peak periods because of citizens like me that are helping to produce clean energy.” (Adam Frazin, Poolesville, MD)

“The petition, if granted, would apparently relinquish local control of energy policy to the federal government. This “one size fits all” proposal is especially ironic given the current debate over the role that “big government” intervention should play in determining people’s everyday behaviors for the sake of broader public health. The current pandemic response has relied substantively on individual governors implementing policies that best reflect the needs of their particular state. Given the diversity of circumstances faced from one state to the next, it’s clear that oversight at the state and local level is needed to solve local problems with local solutions that are responsive to local needs.” (Jeff Hill, Missoula, MT)

“I own a home powered by solar and earn my living helping other home owners and businesses choose solar. I have personally added over 2MW of solar capacity to NV in the last 3 years spread over about 200 small installs. Now in the grand scheme, 2MW is not a lot of renewables coming online compared to the massive volume NV Energy has

built or had approved.... but there are hundreds of solar consultants like me in NV who are all adding those MWs every single day, keeping thousands of installers, support staff, suppliers, building department staff and others working too..... After the knock down fight we had in NV from 2015 to 2017 over Net Metering, we know better than most that the public favors renewables and that the job creating and economic boosting power of the industry is VITAL to the diversification of our economy and our bigger goals of public health....NV's huge investments in solar and other renewables (both distributed and utility scale) are paying off handsomely. Today, we have the lowest price per kWh in the West at 10.863 cents for residential. It's gone down STEADILY since 2015 when the solar war was kicked off by the PUC decision on 12-23-2015. Why would the nation want to allow that trend to be reversed? We all know fossil fuels cost more in both money AND public health. Please help protect our state's right to offer energy choice to families and businesses that choose to invest in solar energy." (Krystal Hosmer, Las Vegas, NV)

"I am both a shareholder in my own solar company, owning almost 20 PV systems across the state of WV and operations manager for a solar installation company, employing valuable people in our state. I write today to urge you to protect net metering in our state by opposing the New England Ratepayers Association's petition.... We've made significant private investments in WV to keep citizens of our state current with industry standard technology and energy production services. Both our customers and us are interested in doing all we can to preserve the environment and keep our state clean for generations to come. I respectfully request that you stand up and protect our rights as loud as you protect the rights of the coal miners in our state. Our faces aren't as dirty, but our backs are just as sore, working hard to provide jobs and futures here in WV...." (Keri Dunn, Williamstown, WV)

"I have been a public utility commissioner in Texas, a Deputy Assistant Secretary for the US DOE, and a utility executive, among other positions in my career .... The solar industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation, and offers employment opportunities for workers from all backgrounds. Rooftop and community solar, which depend on states being able to offer net metering, are responsible for the majority of solar jobs in this country, and creates more jobs per megawatt hour of electricity generated than any other source of energy. ...Because of state policies that encourage on site solar usage, their investment helps them save money on their electric bill month after month, a particularly important savings during this challenging economic period. And state policies like net metering help solar owners provide a local energy resource that bolsters local grid resilience and provides many other benefits to our communities." (Karl Rabago, Denver, CO)