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The Honorable Roy Cooper Governor of North Carolina 116 West Jones St. Raleigh, NC 27603

cc. Attorney General Josh Stein, NC Utilities Commission,

Subject: North Carolina's Rooftop Solar Power Industry

Dear Governor Cooper,

We have great concern over Duke Energy's proposed changes to the present solar net metering petition that is before the NC Utilities Commission. As Duke Energy stockholders and residents of North Carolina we are frustrated with what appears to be a concerted effort on the part of the company to limit the expansion of roof-top solar panels. In fact, the company seems to continue efforts to make it more difficult for the alternative power industries to continue to grow.

Those companies opposing the Duke Energy proposal are concerned about job loss. We are concerned that this will severely dampen North Carolina's effort to migrate off of fossil fuel power and make it economically less available to most North Carolinians. We are beginning to lag behind other states in our roof top installations and, if adopted, these proposals will limit the progress we need to make. The increased use by Duke Energy of fracked fuels will further delay our goals. We really do not have the luxury to delay reaching our net zero carbon goals.

Please do not permit the solar panel industry to be handicapped and ensure that changes to the present net metering structure will help the industry and the future of our State while continuing to make the change over economically feasible for our citizens.

Yours truly,

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