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Our family has long been interested in playing our part in the transition to renewable energy, especially solar. Though we are not a high-income family, we were able to save enough money to install solar panels on the roof of our home in 2016, adding twice as many panels this past year. This is the largest investment we've made in our residence since purchasing it in 1999. Having made this commitment, we are deeply concerned that Duke Energy does not appear to be behind the trend towards rooftop solar. Instead it is pushing for more natural gas production, as if oblivious to the need to limit emission of the greenhouse gases which are contributing to a looming climate emergency. Specifically, we are alarmed by what we've learned of Duke's proposed changes to their net-metering policies. Not only might their plan seriously decrease the advantage of rooftop solar to homeowners like ourselves, but it is too complex to be readily understood and evaluated, making it difficult for homeowners to make well-informed choices.

The citizens of North Carolina need the NCUC to be our advocate, rather than allowing Duke Energy to behave like a monopoly which only answers to its shareholders. Specifically, it is essential that the NCUC perform the solar cost-benefit study required by law, thus helping to move forward the environmental goals set by North Carolina's executive branch – goals in line with the best science and the urgent recommendations of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Thank you for receiving my statement.

Respectfully submitted,
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