# **Preserve Energy Choice For All Floridians**

## Oppose SB 1024 & HB 741

Net metering is a billing mechanism that compensates solar owners for excess energy sent back to the grid. It represents the backbone of Floridians' right to control where their power comes from.

SB 1024 and HB 741 are a direct threat to this essential policy.

#### Impact on Current Solar Customers

- If solar homeowners want to expand the size of their system to accommodate additional loads, like an Electric Vehicle, the slashes to net metering rates weaken the value of that investment.
- These bills threaten the solar industry as a whole. If solar companies go out of business, service on existing systems may not be available.

### **Utilities Can Impose Further Solar Fees**



Net metering is the backbone of Floridians' solar rights.

- These bills open the floodgates for Investor-Owned Utilities to impose further unfair fees on solar homeowners. For example, PowerSouth customers in Alabama have seen an additional \$5.40 per kW per month fee added on top of their basic connection rate.
- For folks with a 10kW system in current Florida Power & Light territory, this could mean that the current \$9.99 base rate could become \$63.99.

### **Solar Customers Create a Resilient Grid**

- Solar homeowners are helping to build a more resilient grid by generating energy at the source. Solar homeowners don't rely on expansive transmission lines and put less stress on grid infrastructure. Solar also reduces the demand for power at peak times.
- Investor-Owned Utilities benefit from solar homeowners sending excess energy onto the grid. The utility pays nothing for the generation of this energy and sells it back to nearby homes at the full retail rate.

#### Floridians deserve energy choice and the freedom to decide where their power comes from. The benefits of solar are clear and expanding access is essential.