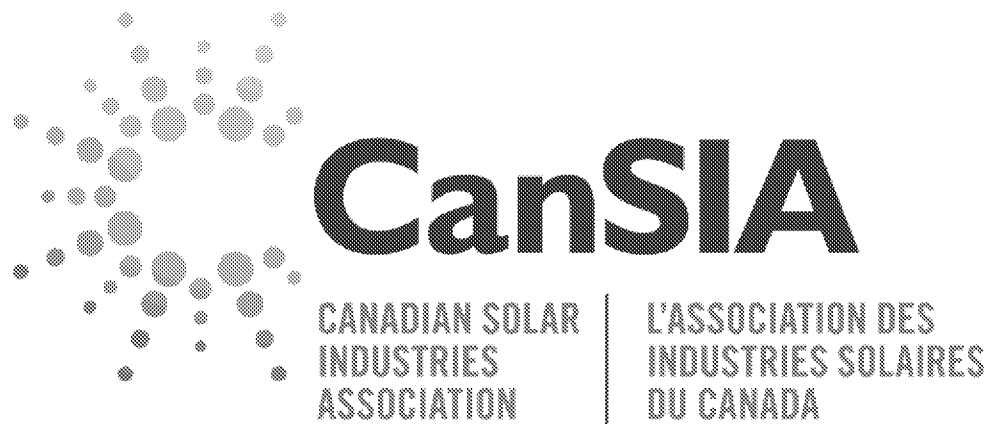




Letters of Support for the Ontario Solar Program

January 5, 2018

Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA)
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January 3, 2018

Hon. Chris Ballard
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
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Dear Minister:

RE: EDA Support for Solar in Ontario

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) is the voice of Ontario's local electricity distribution sector, which consists of municipally and privately owned local distribution companies (LDCs). The distribution sector delivers electricity to 5 million residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customers throughout the province. The sector employs 10,000 people directly and holds \$1-9 billion in assets.

The EDA is writing this letter in support of the next phase of solar expansion in Ontario. The EDA thanks the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Green Ontario Fund for keeping LDCs engaged in discussions around solar in the province.

The EDA endorses the strong support for enabling customer participation in distributed energy resources (DERs) outlined in the 201-7 Long-Term Energy Plan. LDCs are partners in the government's Climate Change Action Plan and look forward to working with the MOECC, the Green Ontario Fund and the IESO to support evolving customer needs in adapting cleaner energy and emerging technologies, while managing electricity costs. The EDA also supports the province's goal to expand the net metering framework to provide customers with greater choice to adopt solar through processes such as virtual net metering.

Facilitating solar adoption in the province aligns with the EDA's vision outlined in its Power to Connect report that the integration of local, small-scale power generation and storage technology - known as DERs - will be key to meeting evolving customer demands for a cleaner, more resilient system.

The EDA sees a vital role for Ontario's LDCs when it comes to solar adoption in this province and supports strategic investments in areas that enable grid optimization and appropriate siting of renewables. LDCs' existing trusted customer relationships, success in conservation program delivery and knowledge of the distribution system can be leveraged to help drive a successful solar program. LDC involvement can also help ensure the siting and integration of renewable generation like solar occurs in regions of the grid that have optimal value to the electricity system and continue to maintain grid reliability. It will be important that intermittent generation from multiple solar PV systems be managed in a way to allow them to operate efficiently without causing voltage fluctuations or grid reliability issues.

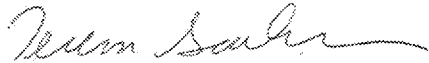
A number of LDCs are working with community partners, solar companies and other private sector actors to pilot various solar power projects and microgrids that combine solar panels and energy storage, enabling grid optimization and renewable generation to be supplied to homes and community buildings. These LDCs can provide lessons learned as solar adoption becomes more prominent in the province.

Given their customer facing role, LDCs also have the ability to effectively communicate and promote solar initiatives to their customers that meet their unique needs. Ontario LDCs are most often the first point of contact for customers regarding electricity supply to their homes and businesses and for advice on new opportunities such as solar. LDCs have the information on their customers including service size, past participation in other programs, capacity availability, a customer load profile and usage which allows them to be in position to help a customer analyze what solution is best for them in developing a business case for renewable generation, such as solar PV.

LDCs are well positioned to play a number of roles in the solar space such as helping customers navigate the process but also enabling, integrating and administering solar PV programs. As the connection agent, LDCs are natural partners and look forward to facilitating customer adoption of solar including community solar initiatives.

We thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Sarkesian', with a stylized, flowing script.

Teresa Sarkesian
President and Chief Executive Officer
c.c. Hon. Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy
Parminder Sandhu, Chair, Green Ontario Fund



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January 2, 2018

Hon. Chris Ballard, MPP
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RE: Continued support for solar electricity in Ontario

Dear Ministers:

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Due to provincial leadership, a vibrant solar industry has been established across Ontario. The province is ready to embrace net metering and there are clear objectives laid out in the Long-Term Energy Plan (2017), as well as the Climate Change Action Plan. Together these initiatives provide residents and businesses with greater freedoms to produce, control and manage their electricity needs. As for electric utilities, these initiatives expand the range of services we can offer while continuing to drive innovation and modernization in our grid.

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- Improved understanding of energy usage and costs;
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- Ability to control and lower electricity bills; and,
- Ongoing access to back-up power in the event of an outage.

As a utility, we have seen benefits in the form of peak demand management and grid optimization opportunities, as well as greenhouse gas reductions.

With the cessation of the microFIT and FIT, it is our hope that the government will consider options to ensure that solar PV continues to be accessible to the residential and industrial/commercial/institutional (ICI) sectors. Other jurisdictions have successfully deployed financial tools such as property tax rebates, home builder incentives or even on-bill financing through utilities or via green mortgages.

We would be happy to provide more information about our solar-plus-battery pilot or any of the aforementioned ideas. We thank you for including us in this important dialogue.

Yours truly,

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Ivano Labricciosa
President and CEO,
Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation Inc.
c.c. Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier



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December 15, 2017

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SolarShare is Canada's leading renewable energy co-op. We make it easy for investors to earn an impressive return while doing something good for the planet. As a non-profit co-op, we develop, own and operate commercial-scale solar energy installations and invite any Ontario resident or business to invest in them.

SolarShare has over 1500 members, who are passionate about solar power and have invested over \$34 million in our Solar Bonds which support our systems. Each of our 47 solar installations has a Feed-in-Tariff contract through the Government of Ontario, and because of this consistent revenue stream, we have returned over \$3.3 million to our investors. SolarShare reinvests in our communities throughout the life cycle of each of our projects.

Due to provincial leadership, Ontario now leads Canada in renewable energy investment, deployment and employment. The Province's investments in renewables to date has established a vibrant solar industry in Ontario and has created thousands of jobs and economic development.

SolarShare enthusiastically supports the Province's commitment to net-metering as noted in the 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan. Under net metering, a household or business with a solar installation would buy power from the grid when their system isn't producing enough, and sell power to the grid when they are producing a surplus. The customer would pay for the difference between the amount they produced versus the amount they consumed.

SolarShare is watching eagerly as the Province continues to invest cap-and-trade proceeds into reducing greenhouse gas pollution in buildings and industry to help meet Ontario's emission reduction targets. We look forward to the sustained public support for Ontario cap-and-trade programs as a result of the Province's successful investment in projects that will deliver a direct benefit to Ontario residents, businesses, and institutions.

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It is imperative that the government create a funding program that focuses on benefits to the end customer in order to hold the support of the Ontario public in the investments that the Province has made to date in ensuring affordable and accessible energy. Continued deployment of these resources will ensure that our grid remains resilient and flexible to meet our needs today and into the future.

We thank you for including us in this important dialogue. We believe that we are well positioned to support the Province in building public support for Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan, Cap and Trade Program and future initiatives.

Yours truly,



Chris Caners

General Manager
SolarShare Co-operative

c.c. Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario



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WiRE's mission is to advance the role and recognition of women working in the energy sector. Launched in Toronto, October 2013, WiRE started in Toronto, and has since launched chapters in Newfoundland, Montreal, Ottawa, Southern and Northern Alberta, and British Columbia. WiRE forges partnerships with a spectrum of renewable energy industry associations, networking groups for professional women from across the energy sector, and academic providers.

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Yours truly,

Joanna Osawe

WiRE Co-Founder & Chair

c.c. Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

Date Submitted: 1/4/2018

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Sent to: Kathleen O. Wynne (MPP), Don Valley West, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Growing Solar in Ontario

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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Bryan Asa

Date Submitted: 12/16/2017

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Sent to: Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON, Glenn Thibeault (MPP),
Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party

Solar Energy Industry is the Key to Sustainable Future !

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that Solar Energy Industry is the Key to Sustainable Future for all of us on this beautiful planet!
FIT/MicroFIT program has been a great success story for Ontario! I thank you for that!

Solar Energy rebate program is essential to continue this remarkable environmental friendly
development that we all started here in 2009 across the province!

I thank you and look forward to your consideration and support in this urgent matter!

Best regards,
Multeps Solar Team

Date Submitted: 1/4/2018

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Sent to: Peter Z. Milczyn (MPP), Etobicoke—Lakeshore, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Yours sincerely,
Tyler Balding

Date Submitted: 12/20/2017

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Sent to: Liz Sandals (MPP), Guelph, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar in Ontario

Hello,

I believe given Canada is part of the Paris Agreement and something must be drastically done today to curb carbon emissions dramatically. This requires support for the solar industry such as a rebate incentive. On top of the environmental benefits the solar industry supports local jobs as it is labour intensive and the work requires support of many local businesses including electricians, accounting, parts and supplies. It is a low profit margin business and most of the revenue is put back into the local economy. It is sad to see microfit end with no new incentive for solar in its place.

The solar industry also requires government support in reducing red tape with local utilities and helping build a smart grid and get rid of any excuse from the hydro company that denies home owners an offer to connect.

Sincerely,
Darya

Date Submitted: 1/3/2018

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Sent to: Han Dong (MPP), Trinity—Spadina, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Ontario must invest in solar energy

To whom it may concern,

The Ontario solar industry has quickly grown to become a North American leader due to the introduction of a Feed-In Tariff Program in 2009. The Program encouraged sizeable investments in solar by consumers and the companies that serve them. This level of investment would not have happened had the Feed-In Tariff Program not existed. In December of 2017 Ontario's Feed-In Tariff Program came to an end. And, while the Ontario solar industry heard rumours that a new program would replace the Feed-In Tariff Program, a program has yet to be announced.

Without government support Ontario's burgeoning solar industry will struggle to remain competitive with other energy production technologies. Companies that have been active in this industry are now at risk of going out of business, and solar industry employees, of which there are over 6500 in Ontario, are at risk of losing their jobs.

Solar technology, since its invention in the 1950s, has plummeted in price, while the cost to deploy nuclear technology, which was invented around the same time, has stayed flat. Why does Ontario continue to spend billions of taxpayer dollars on nuclear, a technology that shows no promise of becoming cheaper (or safer) in the long-term, while it lets a solar technology, that provides cheap and clean energy, dwindle?

Solar Brokers Canada is one of the largest solar providers in Canada and the first residential solar brokerage in the country. Since its founding in 2012, the company has experienced revenue growth of over 8900%. To date the company has brokered over 30 megawatts of residential solar in Ontario. Based in Toronto, Solar Brokers Canada and its affiliate Green Lion Eco Group, a solar engineering and project management company, oversee a staff of over 100 full-time solar industry professionals.

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Arthur Potts (MPP), Beaches—East York, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Support for solar in Ontario

Solar energy is important to Ontario because it just makes sense!

The global tidal wave of solar is huge and we stand to lose out by not keeping up.

A solar PV rebate program is crucial for my company's success because the microFIT and FIT programs are coming to an end and we are transitioning to a net metering landscape where a small bridge is required. The Federal US government has a tax credit solar and some US States also have tax credit and rebate programs for micro and commercial rooftop markets....they have had these in place since the late 2000s and are scaling them down slowly towards 2020-2022 as the price of solar continues to fall. In Ontario, the soft costs from LDCs and Hydro One are simply outrageous, they make smaller solar projects unfeasible...this is just ridiculous.

My company is Panasonic Eco Solutions and we currently employ over 65 people in sales, engineering and installation along with operations & maintenance.

The future is solar....please support solar and the future of generations to come.

Date Submitted: 1/2/2018

Bryce, Cameron
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Sent to: Gila Martow (MPP), Thornhill, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar PV Rebate Program and Net Metering Rules

Hi all,

I work at a small, but vital solar racking provider, hb solar, in Vaughan, ON. We employ 21 people directly, and another 35 indirectly via NRG Metalworks in Cambridge (our contract manufacturer). These are full time, family supporting jobs that we all depend on. We supply the province of Ontario, but also send equipment throughout Canada, the USA and Mexico.

Having been in the solar industry for 7 years, I was previously an investment advisor for 13 and owned my own business for 8: in other words, I chose to be part of this industry as I believe it is a vital part of providing part of the solution our local and global society faces with the ever present threat of climate change and pollution. My wife, my two children and I depend on not only the income from this job and industry, but appreciate the bigger picture, that solar is an absolutely integral part of our future. The solar on my own home has produced approximately 75% of our electrical energy needs over the last 5 years, but with the cost of solar dropping massively over this period, it is time we had a long-term, clearly laid out strategy for solar in this province.

We need a long-term solar PV Rebate program introduced to keep these jobs, this industry and our shared future healthy for the long-term. There is no time to waste - Ontario has shown itself to be a leader in North America in solar and renewables, why throw all that away? Are we really going to keep trying to grow only our conventional energy production and not keep moving into the future? Solar is a technology, not a resource: it doesn't run out, it keeps improving in efficiency, and continually gets cheaper - don't you remember the first computers in the 80's with 5% of current power of a smartphone selling for multiple thousands of dollars?

Let's keep leading the way.

Many thanks,
Cam Bryce
Special Projects Manager
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Date Submitted: 1/4/2018

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Sent to: David Zimmer (MPP), Willowdale, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Yours sincerely,
Zain

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

Buzzelli, Walter
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Sent to: Amrit Mangat (MPP), Mississauga—Brampton South, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Help us support green & clean energy / Go Solar!

A rebate program is crucial for my company's success because that will increase the possibilities of more people/ companies to acquire solar panels and see the true benefits they get from them.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because it is the future and the best help we can provide to our environment locally and globally by being a good example.

Silfab Solar is the largest manufacturing company of solar panels in North America and we proudly produce the best quality in the industry. We've been growing so much and have impacted the environment so positively that we want to continue like this as much as we can. With your support I'm sure we will be doing just that!

Date Submitted: 1/3/2018

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Sent to: Ann Hoggarth (MPP), Barrie, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Letter of Support - Ontario Solar Rooftop Program

My company is HESPV, we are a solar wholesale distribution and engineering company employing fifteen people in Ontario, and many more across the country. Solar energy is important to Ontario because it creates more jobs per megawatt than any other power source. It's also the most economical from a generation and government perspective, what other energy source can you simply pay for none of the maintenance or upkeep and just pay for the KWH produced?

A solar PV rebate program is crucial for my company to maintain the current employment base across Ontario, from Installers all the way down to distribution, support, financing and insurance. The solar industry is based off a number of jobs per megawatt installed, the less megawatts installed, the less people will be employed in the industry.

A residential and small commercial program spreads the jobs around to the most amount of companies and also benefits the most amounts of end users (voters). Promoting an incentive program like the one launched in Alberta at 75c/kwh would jump start the net metering uptake in Ontario and revitalize the renewable energy market through the foreseeable future.

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Peter Z. Milczyn (MPP), Etobicoke—Lakeshore, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar Rebate Program campaign CanSIA

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Panasonic Eco Solutions Canada as well as other stakeholders in the Ontario solar industry have greatly benefited from the Feed-in-Tariff program and Smart Grid Fund. We have expanded and grown our business tremendously for the past 10 years and have hired many employees during this period. We are confident that the Ontario government will continue to support the solar industry and establish a solar rebate program early in 2018 for commercial, industrial and residential applications.

Yours sincerely,
Mohamed

Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Cheri DiNovo (MPP), Parkdale—High Park, New Democratic Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Keep Ontario Solar Alive!

I strongly encourage you to implement a strong net-metering program to replace the retiring FIT and micro-FIT programs.

I have worked in the Ontario Solar Industry since 2011, and have benefitted greatly from the Liberal's pro-solar support.

This has lead to me becoming an expert in solar module manufacturing and solar system operations. My goal is to remain in the solar industry for my whole career (another 30 years!), but without strong governmental support the Ontario Solar Industry will suffer causing those of us left in the solar industry to move on. Let's not let this happen!

Please ensure Ontario remains a leader for solar by releasing favourable net-metering policies!

Thank you,
Tristan Erion-Lorico

Date Submitted: 12/18/2017

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Sent to: Norm Miller (MPP), Parry Sound—Muskoka, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar Industry Growth

To whom it may concern,

A solar PV rebate program is essential for my company's success because we have actively developed in this sector and see the potential. But as a new industry we need help to make it mainstream.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because we need action on climate change.

My company is Greenside Electric and Solar and employs 10 people and work in Ontario. These are good high tech and well paid jobs that are key to the economy.

Date Submitted: 12/22/2017

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Sent to: Peter Tabuns (MPP), Toronto—Danforth, New Democratic Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Importance of Solar Rebates

A solar PV rebate program is essential for my company's success because it creates jobs and mitigates the harmful effects of climate change.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because it has helped replace energy from coal and created innovative community power

My company is Fernandez Consulting, I have worked in Germany, California and Ontario with many solar industry stakeholders, including First Nations.

Date Submitted: 12/18/2017

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Sent to: Amrit Mangat (MPP), Mississauga—Brampton South, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Importance of Solar in Ontario

This program is valued by Ontarians because this solar incentive program will create and sustain Ontario solar jobs. Our company alone employs +150 employees. With this program Ontario can maintain the position as a solar energy leader throughout Canada and the world. On the other hand, Canadians are demanding more choices and clean energy solutions to continue reducing carbon emissions and to continue empowering solar companies to build a brighter tomorrow for future generations. With this solar incentive program we are creating the world Canadian dream of, with cleaner air and water, and a world in which our imagination is not limited by fossil fuels.

My company, Silfab Solar is leader in the design & development of ultra-high-efficiency, premium quality 60- and 72-cell monocrystalline PV modules. Silfab leverages over 35 years of solar experience spanning the entire vertical PV value chain including wafers, ingots, R&D, engineering and product innovation. Silfab Solar proudly employs +150 people that work and build Ontario's dream every year. With this incentive Silfab will continue to grow to support the Canadian demand.

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Sent to: Amrit Mangat (MPP), Mississauga—Brampton South, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Khalid Grant
Program Manager, Residential Solar & Energy Storage Solutions

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Yours sincerely,
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Why has Ontario taken a step-back with Solar Disruption?

Dear Premier of Ontario;

This letter is to re-enforce the support for Canadian Solar Industry Association, industry professionals in solar, avid students in renewable institutions, and the many families in Ontario that are under a cloud of fear for global warming.

It is true that North American consumption habits has reached a point far from sustainable, and engineers like myself, are determined to form ideas, gather facts, and create workable solutions that will provide an obvious benefit to our communities. The Cap and Trade program serves a commercial purpose (at a small scale) to urge energy importers and exporters to be conscious on their energy demand via carbon; yet this does not serve the purpose to enable local communities to participate and embrace a habit that is striving to make the world more sustainable.

Although the Cap and Trade program is a good start (better than nothing), our province requires innovation that will decentralize communities from monopolistic hydro-generation companies. What better way to do this, but to introduce a scheme that is in bedded with digital innovation, and Internet of Things. I am referring to block-chain - the foundation to Bitcoin, as an enabler to a decentralized community.

What if: a homeowner, such as myself, have a 20kWp PV and battery system. My bill will say, " Mr. Same got 12kWh of solar power from me. Ms.Amanda consumed 5kWh of solar power from me." These transactions are seen in my online portal and registered with a blockchain and the compensation is immediately compensated to my bank account.

Now, not only am I supporting the carbon free initiative, I am digitally linking up communities of decentralized generators of clean energy while also documenting their outputs. Lets not also forget that commercial incentives that will also motivate locals to adopt such initiatives.

Sincerely,
Oni Hoque

Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Reza Moridi (MPP), Richmond Hill, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Support Solar Industry in Ontario

Dear Sir/Madam,

My company is one of the companies which works in solar industry in Ontario. It developed tens of solar projects on commercial building s through FIT programs and also is working on LRP program.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because it is a green energy and it has minimum harmful effects on the environment and future generations. Investment on the solar energy is a wise action which preserves our nature and resources .

A solar PV rebate program is crucial for my company's success because it helps more investment in the solar industry and environment.

Truly yours,
P. Izadkhast

Date Submitted: 12/18/2017

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Sent to: Gila Martow (MPP), Thornhill, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Please Support Progress!

This program will make a positive impact in Ontario for the following reasons.

- It will maintain and create jobs in the renewable energies industry
- It will allow home owners and business owners to contribute to a green future
- It will put us on the right side of history! We shouldn't rely on other countries to set examples in clean energy programs

I'm currently a Project Manager at hb solar canada, a company that designs and manufactures mounting systems for rooftop solar, groundmount, and carports. We currently employ 21 people directly, 35 at our contract manufacturer, and others indirectly through our suppliers.

It is in everyone's best interest to employ a forward thinking mindset when it comes to renewable energy, of which solar has tremendous potential. I strongly urge you to push for an incentive program that will get even more people interested in renewables.

Thank you,
Boris

Date Submitted: 12/19/2017

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Sent to: Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON, Glenn Thibeault (MPP),
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Grow the Solar Industry in Ontario

This program is valued by Ontarians because it creates jobs and helps the environment.

My company is a law firm that works with solar companies and their employees.

Solar energy is essential for Ontario because it is the global future.

Date Submitted: 12/18/2017

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Sent to: Cheri DiNovo (MPP), Parkdale—High Park, New Democratic Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Support Solar Ontario

Our company has over 20 employees and directly keep another 35 employed through our contract manufacturer. We indirectly work with dozens more through our suppliers.

Ontario has been Canada's leader in solar growth, and would be a shame to put the brakes on now that we've come so far.

Date Submitted: 1/4/2018

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Sent to: Amrit Mangat (MPP), Mississauga—Brampton South, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar Rebate Program!

To Whom It May Concern:

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With the help of solar energy, I believe Ontario's economy will be heavily stimulated. Furthermore, in the future, we hope to become a benchmark against other provinces in Canada.

Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Tommy Lee

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Amrit Mangat (MPP), Mississauga—Brampton South, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

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Yours sincerely,
Lily

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Michael Mantha (MPP), Algoma—Manitoulin, New Democratic Party of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Net Metering Program

We have been under construction for seven years under the FIT program, providing good jobs to local Blind River people.

The projects we have built now provide long term operation and maintenance jobs.

However, without further development opportunities, the construction jobs will disappear this spring. The launch of a capital rebate program for Net Metering will revitalize interest in private power generation.

If the government prices the rebate to account for the centralized generation, transformation and distribution costs that it will avoid by deploying further distributed generation, the program can have no net cost and enormous financial and strategic benefit.

Ontario Hydro was founded on the slogan, "The People's Power" by Detweiler and Beck. You can read the book by Merrill Denison.

Let's continue to give the people back their power.

Community Power is our slogan, help us keep it rolling forward.

Please proceed with this program, a clean-tech future is a future of hope.

Let's transform the way we generate our power just as we are transforming how we use it to make a better cleaner world.

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Net Metering Program

To whom it may concern,

I am an engineering grad who has worked in solar in the past, before returning to school for my masters. I intend to re-enter the field, and a subsidy program to help net metering projects will help make this possible. A program to help supplement building costs will results in many more projects across Ontario. Immediately, it will benefit the solar construction economy as companies look to transition from building micro-fits to net metering projects. Long term, it will help ease the burden of power generation that the government bears.

Solar energy is going to be one of the largest sources of power in the future. A distributed grid with net-metering projects across the grid will be the way that power generation evolves. It will eliminate current problems with larger generation stations, and help reduce the environmental effects of producing power.

Sincerely,
R. Hugh Lowry

Date Submitted: 12/16/2017

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Sent to: Kevin Daniel Flynn (MPP), Oakville, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

let solar shine in Ontario

My company is Silfab Solar and we are one of two solar panels manufacturers left in Ontario. we have literally seen an entire manufacturing sector disappear since the Province retreated from their industrial policies commitments and we have picked up every piece of equipment and as many people we could from our less fortunate competitors, in order to strengthen ourselves and to become the larger manufacturer in North America, now employing over 200 people and shipping 1 Mil solar panels/year.

We could see that as a victory, but the fact that 96% of our product is installed outside of Canada, and that the few modules installed here come from Vietnam or Malaysia, speaks volume to a lack of industrial policy and an absence of vision.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because is one of the fastest growing industries in term of volumes and technology advances, because the current carbon trading prices cannot solve global warming without increasing substantially and because the trends prove that solar will be the least expensive solution once externalities costs are finally taken into account.

Canada is literally the last of the major countries in term of installations and Ontario has lost its way after offering contracts that had very little impact on distributed generation and on residential and community projects, causing the disappearance of manufacturers and installers.

A solar PV rebate program is crucial for my company's success because it can modify local and individual behaviour, because generating and monitoring the power a residence or a community produces has been proven to lead to conservation and because it can create a local market for our own products, when proud home owners can choose locally made products to help them reduce the cost of electricity, reducing for my company the risk of protectionist trade sanctions applied by other markets. this is time to double up on commitment, as we are doing on our own penny, not to shy away for political gains

Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Kevin Daniel Flynn (MPP), Oakville, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Ontario need to be a Leader in Solar energy!!!

I born in Europe and lived in different countries before settling here in Ontario and I am very proud to be a Canadian But I wish that Ontario and ALL the Canadian provinces will start to invest and think at the future of our children and granchildren NOW!!

Compared to the rest of the world we are so behind in acting, not just talking, in making our environment and our future better.

Solar energy is vital to this change that supposed to be already there.....is creating new jobs in a future that is sustainable.

Two of my children moved away from Canada because they did not find interests, programs and jobs in the Real future for a better world.

We need to support the solar business but ,most of all, we need (starting from all the government buildings) to give incentives for all the Canadians to use this energy the most we can!! Please make Ontario and Canada a Leader of the Real future and not a very slow followers that talk but do not ACT!!

Thank you.

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Ted McMeekin (MPP), Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Invest in Solar

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Yours sincerely,
Jake Mathies

Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar Incentive needed

Dear MP:

I am personally committed to the importance of renewable energy for the health of humans on planet earth and frankly have lost my shirt by idealistically jumping in after the green Energy Act, withdrawing RRSPs, training, setting up a company with high hopes only to meet with setbacks due to inconsistent stop and go microFIT incentive programs.

I work alone now doing marketing for an installer who employs 5 people dependent on getting new business to keep going.

To get that business without incentives or rebates might just have been possible if hydro rates had been allowed to rise increase but for political purposes those rates have been frozen for 3 years.

People have stopped buying as payback on investments in residential solar of 14-15 years is not attractive.

They are looking for maximum 10 years.

To achieve this, rebates for net metered residential systems is a must. And we need this soon or small companies like mine will close their doors. We have mortgages to pay and families to feed and we have a good cause, please do not cause another hiatus.

Ontario also has cause-the province will benefit by becoming leaders in renewables and meeting Climate Change goals.

Don't be shy-many voters support solar and Liberals should want to be on the right side of change.

Sinceley,
Mark Ogilvie

Date Submitted: 12/21/2017

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Sent to: Steven Del Duca (MPP), Vaughan, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Support Solar

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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Maria

Date Submitted: 12/18/2017

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Sent to: Cristina Martins (MPP), Davenport, Ontario Liberal Party, Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Solar Net Metering Rebate program

Hello Kathleen Wynne and Cheri DiNovo,

As the solar FIT program comes to an end, the replacement incentive program has a very important role in maintaining the solar industry in Ontario.

We are not at a point yet where this industry can thrive without these incentives, which is why they are such an important investment for Ontarians.

I currently work as a project manager for a Canadian solar racking company which directly employs 21 people, 35 at our contract supplier, and many more through suppliers, surveyors etc.

We supply rooftop and ground mount solar racking to many countries including Canada, USA and Mexico.

Renewable energy and GHG emissions are very important to most Canadians.

The next rebate program for solar energy needs to be brought out as quickly as possible in order to maintain momentum in the industry, and keep technology advancing. Without it, this industry will be hit very hard.

Thank you very much for your time.

I look forward to the announcement of Ontario's next solar incentive program.

Thank you,
Ryan Olejnuk

Date Submitted: 12/15/2017

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Sent to: Glenn Thibeault (MPP), Sudbury, Ontario Liberal Party, Chris Ballard (Minister of the Environment and Climate Change), ON

Let's not let solar sunset!

Solar is here to stay. At least in the minds of consumers and business owners. However, they are confused by the lack of ongoing support. Many are finally able to proceed with solar as they did not qualify or couldn't adjust their businesses to participate in the FIT model. Many are Class B customers struggling to understand why they are left holding the bulk of the system costs under the Fair Hydro Plan. They want green energy, and see solar as a legacy, as a competitive advantage, as a source of security in operational costs, and as a way of connecting with their staff and clients, most of which are Ontarians.

I am the founder and President of RESCo Energy Inc. We specialize in commercial solar PV rooftops. We strongly believe in solar PV as a key distributed generation asset to optimize the power sector, empower Ontario businesses and provide quality high-value engineering and electrical trade jobs. Over the last eleven years we have grown to over 100 employees, though currently sit at a third that size. We are committed to the long term market, but are finding it difficult to enable private sector customers with solar based on today's financial numbers. However, we are close. We believe that a stepped-down capital grant incentive provides the appropriate mix of incentive to drive private dollars into this key DG asset class. The leverage is excellent in our minds. For every dollar of incentive, the private sector can match it 1:1 or even 1:1.5 while taking on all of the construction and market risk. Please rapidly consider the launch of a program that will not tie ratepayers to long-term contracts, but will maintain a strong solar industry that can service the needs of Ontario businesses, as they drive to maintain their competitive positioning on the global stage.

Date Submitted: 12/25/2017

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Support to continue the transition towards renewable energy with PV

Ontario is a global leader in solar energy (PV) production, thanks to the tremendous support of our government and industry with the MicroFIT and FIT programs. Now that these programs have ended, it is crucial that Ontario government quickly introduces measures to ensure solar PV continues to be an attractive and accessible option to the residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors, as with the net-metering program alone, based on the flat RPP rates and cost-benefit analyses, transition to solar is clearly not cost effective nor justifiable in the most of the cases.

Solar energy is important because:

- Employs 6,500 Ontarians.
- Reduces GHG Emissions. My company is a solar panel installation start up, that believes that we can make a difference in combating climate change for the well being of Ontarians, Canadians and the World and we know that a solar PV program for both the residential and ICI sector is projected to reduce GHG emissions by 11 million tonnes over the life of all solar PV projects. This will help protect our environment today and for future generations.
- Consumers are demanding more environmental friendly choices to better manage their energy needs and to lower their electricity bills. For instance, as per "Abacus Data", 84 percent of Canadians wish to see more solar energy on the grid.

Thanks in advance for introducing new measures/incentives/rebates to ensure solar PV continues to be accessible to Ontarians.

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Solar Energy's Future

I can be counted as one of the thousands of solar professionals within the province that is effected by the winding down of the FIT program. We as an industry need a transitional framework in place that has clear common sense thought to allow us to continue to meet the consumer demand for renewable energy's within a net metered future, including load displacement and other "behind the meter" solutions. These solutions can reduce the load on the grid, reduce the need for additional local peak generation and help meet the provinces emission targets.

Please quickly enact a solution to allow us to go forward and plan for future projects with confidence and clear strategy.

Regards,
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Solar Rebate Program

With the end of the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program, particularly the microFIT program this year, we are anticipating transitional support from the Ontario government in order to help sustain the solar industry in Ontario. There is no doubt that the solar rebate program will make a positive impact in Ontario because it will provide a much needed incentive and help bridge the financial gap between FIT and Net Metering solar projects, meet the goals of reducing GHG emissions, and stabilize the solar job market and economy.

Our company is Panasonic Eco Solutions Canada, with 63 employees who are proudly working in the solar and energy storage industry, serving commercial, industrial and residential customers. These customers are demanding more choices to better manage their energy needs to lower electricity costs and also reduce their carbon footprint.

Solar and Energy Storage technology will help reduce GHG emissions, to create the savings that customers want, and to meet the mandate of the federal Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan.

Panasonic Eco Solutions Canada as well as other stakeholders in the Ontario solar industry have greatly benefited from the Feed-in-Tariff program and Smart Grid Fund. We have expanded and grown our business tremendously for the past 10 years and have hired many employees during this period. We are confident that the Ontario government will continue to support the solar industry and establish a solar rebate program early in 2018 for commercial, industrial and residential applications.

Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Sara

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Solar in Ontario

Solar Energy and especially behind the meter distributed generation facilities are vitally important to Ontario's future well-being. The infrastructure evolution incorporating oil to renewables, from gas to electricity is upon us. The adoption of EV programs, the development of autonomous driving capabilities, the advent of big data - to name a few - these changes are forcing the world's infrastructure to evolve and Ontario must remain at the forefront of this evolution. They all require distributed generation to be cost effective.

The grid quite simply will not be able to cope and must rely on smaller scale distributed generation ramping up., way past what playing storage arbitrage can achieve. To facilitate this the financing models need to work, community financing programs needs to come into existence. We need stable and predictable support, and we need it now.

We are in an industry that should be thriving - however we are all in survival mode looking for ways and means to offset the risks of remaining in business. We are talking about rollups to stay alive, we cannot generate the EBIT required to invest to remain at the forefront of the industry technical product development, We cannot invest to keep the top people - the situation is extremely dire.

That a solar PV rebate program is urgently released is crucial for hb Solars's success but also for its survival - to succeed and compete we need to get to a minimum volume threshold. We are currently holding at #1 in Canada in the commercial rooftop racking market and cannot see away forward without any government support.

We employ 21 people directly. Another 35 at NRG our contract manufacturer. Lots more indirectly through our suppliers.

We export to the USA and Mexico and other countries.

You have the top company in the industry in Canada seriously looking at our long term viability - and this is because we cannot remain current with technical development without more throughput.

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Act Now to Grow the Solar Industry in Ontario

Solar energy is important to Ontario because it plays an integral role in reducing GHG emissions and has created and supported many local jobs. Solar energy has also brought a lot of awareness to our youth about climate change, clean energy, and how we need to transition to a sustainable way of life.

A solar PV rebate program is important because the industry is contracting as it transitions from the feed-in tariff program into the net metering environment and needs a program that bridges this transition to ensure the survival of companies in the industry and the industry as a whole.

My company is Hb Solar Canada Inc. and we employ 21 people directly, another 35 at our contracted manufacturer, and lots more indirectly through our suppliers. We export our products throughout Ontario, other provinces in Canada and to the USA, Caribbean and Latin America.

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Let's keep this industry going!

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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.
Yours sincerely,
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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew

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Solar Net Metering Rebate Program

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Your earliest consideration to our request is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
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Grow the Solar Industry in Ontario

A new Solar Incentive Program will make a positive impact in Ontario for the following reasons:

- The Solar Industry Employs 6,500 Ontarians: a new incentive program will help to sustain Ontario solar jobs and maintain Ontario's position as a solar energy leader throughout Canada and the world.
- Consumers Are Demanding More Choice
- Solar Energy Reduces GHG Emissions

My company, UGE International Ltd. is a solar energy project developer and EPC that has been in Ontario for 10 years and employs approximately 40 people. We are now active in the the US Northeast and Philippines as well.

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Solar Rebate Program

To Whom It May Concern:

A solar PV rebate program is essential for my company's success and helps its customers (commercial, industrial and residential) to lower electricity cost and reduce their carbon footprint.

Solar energy is important to Ontario because help reduce GHG emissions.

My company is Panasonic Eco Solutions Canada, with 63 employees who work in Ontario.

Best Regards,
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Supporting the Transition to Solar

The solar energy industry is important to Ontario. It has enabled the shutdown of the coal plants and with further expansion can reduce the use of natural gas and generate the additional electricity that will be needed in the transition to electric in the transportation sector.

Our business was established 11 years ago with the introduction of the RESOP program and currently employs 30 people. Without a net metering plan, and virtual net metering, to replace the FIT program we cannot maintain our business in Ontario. Surveys have shown that the majority of Canadians want more solar energy.

To maximize the impact and any new program it needs to include both residential and commercial/industrial.

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climate change and the role of PV.

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Dear Kathleen Wynne

I am the Managing Director of hb solar Canada inc. I am a constituent of your riding Don Valley West. hb is an Ontario based manufacturer of solar racking systems that has been doing business in Ontario since 2009. We generate 10,000,000 in annual sales and employ 18 people directly and another 35 indirectly through our dedicated contract manufacturer and another 22 through suppliers. We export 30% of our products to the USA and Mexico. That is 75 families that rely on us for their living.

The Feed in Tariff (FIT) program was a great program to get Ontario to the forefront of solar manufacturing in the North America. We now need to keep it there.

To continue the fine environmental legacy of this government we must continue to support PV as one of the key initiatives. To do this a Solar PV Rebate program should be instituted as soon as possible. Any delay will entail layoffs in the industry and the backlash that that creates with workers. Any delay also makes any rebate program part of an election platform rather than a sound climate change initiative. I urge you to act ASAP for the sake of our planet.

Yours Sincerely,
Derek Wilson

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In support of solar energy incentives

I'll be brief. Ontario has started the good work of supporting solar energy and the industry is has created, but that work will go to waste if incentives and installation programs are not continued now. I work for Panasonic Eco Solutions, a major solar EPC in Ontario. I was brought on when they acquired a company called Solsmart, a respected installer, which was successful because of the efficient FIT and MicroFIT systems we were able to build. These companies have given me the best jobs I've ever had, and opportunities which elude many of my generation, in addition to decentralizing and strengthening the energy mix in this province.

Continued support of the renewable energy industry is essential to the long term well being of everyone in Ontario.

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Solar Rebate Program campaign CanSIA

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Yours sincerely,
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