

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin,

We write to express our strong opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) termination of the Solar for All program and rescission of lawfully obligated funding. This action is a clear violation of the law and must be rectified immediately.

In 2022, Congress passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)*, which authorized EPA to establish the Solar for All program, investing \$7 billion to expand deployment of solar energy for working families – lowering their electricity bills, creating thousands of good-paying jobs, boosting American manufacturing, and strengthening our electric grid.¹ The program was projected to bring solar energy to 900,000 households across our country—saving families an estimated \$350 million every year on energy costs.²

On August 7, 2025, EPA announced it would terminate the Solar for All program and take back lawfully obligated funds from grant recipients.³ EPA claims it “no longer has the statutory authority to administer the program or the appropriated funds” after enactment of H.R. 1, in the 119th Congress.⁴ These claims about H.R. 1 are false, and baseless arguments for dismantling critical EPA programs. H.R. 1 repeals authorization for and rescinds unobligated funds from the program. The language is not retroactive and does not justify actions to steal taxpayer dollars from grant awardees, including states.⁵

¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7 Billion Solar for All Grants to Deliver Residential Solar, Saving Low-Income Americans \$350 Million Annually and Advancing Environmental Justice Across America,” (April 22, 2024), <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-7-billion-solar-all-grants-deliver-residential>.

² U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7 Billion Solar for All Grants to Deliver Residential Solar, Saving Low-Income Americans \$350 Million Annually and Advancing Environmental Justice Across America.”

³ Joselow, Maxine, “E.P.A. Moves to Cancel \$7 Billion in Grants for Solar Energy,” *New York Times* (August 7, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/05/climate/epa-cancels-solar-energy-grants.html>.

⁴ Zeldin, Lee (@epaleezeldin), X (August 7, 2025), <https://x.com/epaleezeldin/status/1953518426602803684>.

⁵ Pub. L. No. 119-21 § 60002 (2025).

States and nonprofit grant recipients have already spent years applying for these grants and developing solar programs in alignment with the goals and guidelines set forth by the program. Grant recipients have already invested millions of dollars in workforce development and community partnerships.⁶ EPA's illegal termination of these grants is fostering economic uncertainty and sending a signal that the Federal government is an unreliable partner as we work to deliver real results for the American people.

The American people will bear the brunt of EPA's actions. Claims about saving taxpayer dollars ring false for the working families dealing with skyrocketing energy costs.⁷ Recission of these grants will rob families of energy savings, will result in job losses, and will halt the expected economic benefits communities were counting on. These reckless actions will weaken our electric grid at a time when reliability and resilience are more critical than ever.

We demand that EPA immediately reinstate the Solar for All program and allow grantees to carry out their projects unimpeded by political tampering.

Sincerely,



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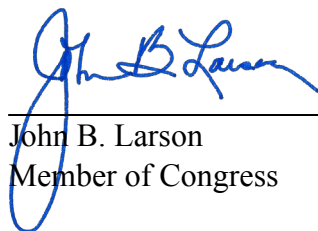
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⁶ Birenbaum, Gabby "Texas solar program left in limbo after Trump administration pulls the plug on \$250 million grant," *The Texas Tribune* (September 11, 2025), <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/09/11/texas-solar-for-all-clean-energy-grants-canceled-trump-epa/>.

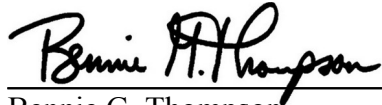
⁷ Joselow, Maxine, "In Georgia, Trump's Cuts to Solar Projects Hit Some of His Voters," *New York Times* (October 11, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/11/climate/georgia-trump-solar-for-all.html>.



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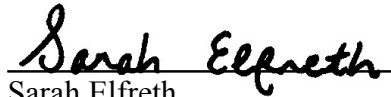
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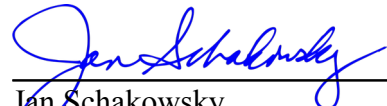
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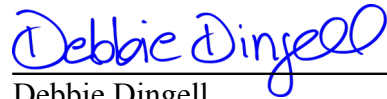
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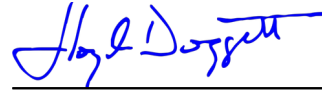
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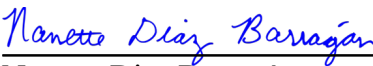
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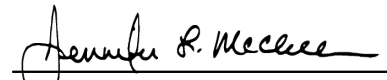
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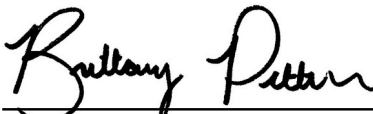
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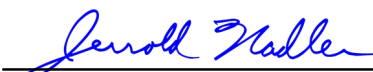
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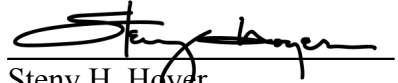
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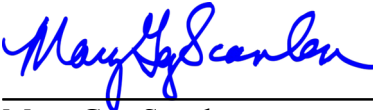
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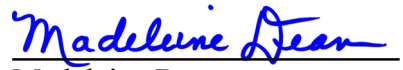
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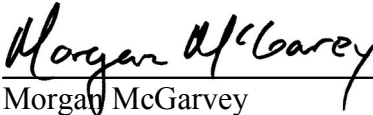
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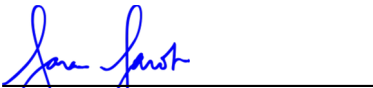
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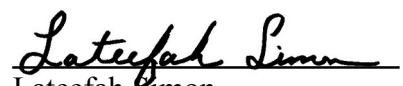
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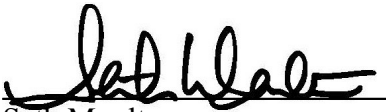
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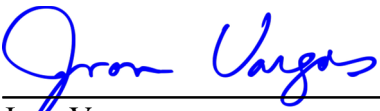
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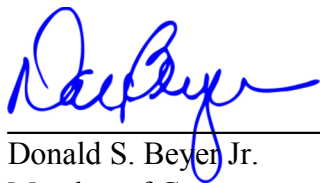
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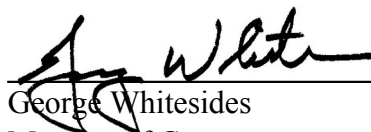
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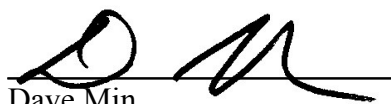
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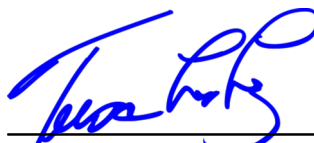
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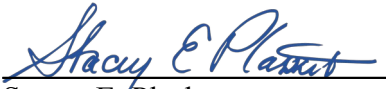
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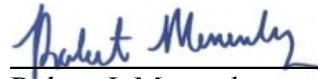
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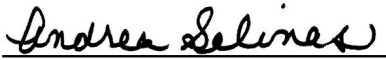
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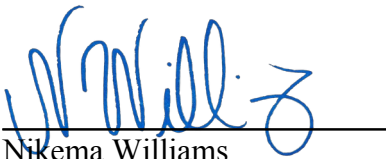
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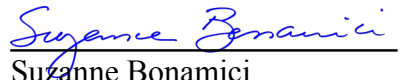
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