



Members of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Ad Hoc Committee on Community Solar:

On behalf of the statewide business community, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce respectfully opposes any pending or future legislation which would seek to allow unregulated solar facilities in Georgia.

Any attempt to deregulate Georgia's electric utility industry would take legislative and regulatory authority away from the general assembly and Public Service Commission (PSC) by allowing unregulated third parties the ability to sell subscriptions based on energy or capacity directly to utility customers. By exempting these third parties from PSC jurisdiction, such legislation would undermine the Territorial Service Act - a law that created our electricity market and provided the foundation for our state's economic success over the past 50 years. Georgia's electric marketplace is widely viewed as a model for other states, and the low rates and high reliability we offer are key to our ability to grow our economy to benefit Georgians today and in the future.

Allowing for unregulated solar facilities is likely to have devastating impacts to Georgia's reliable, efficient and cost-effective retail electric market. Georgia's grid system is supported by our market structure and is a key factor to our economy and economic development.

The Georgia Chamber supports legislation that maintains consistency and uniformity with respect to regulating Georgia businesses. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter and ask that you seek a solution which will continue to provide economic stability within our state.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Palmer".

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