



April 4, 2018

Dear Members of the New Jersey State Legislature:

**We write to voice our enthusiastic and unequivocal support for A3723/S2314, the Clean Energy Bill, and we urge you to support it too.** This legislation provides a bold vision for New Jersey's clean energy future that puts us on a path to achieving 100% clean energy by 2050 and a future that will improve the health and well-being of all New Jersey residents and create thousands of new jobs.

In recent weeks the bill has seen major improvements that take us one step closer to restoring the state's rightful place as a national leader on climate and clean energy issues through the adoption of visionary clean energy policies and programs. Provisions in this bill will reduce harmful pollution, create good, local jobs and make our communities resilient and strong.

Some of the key elements of the legislation that will create jobs and protect public health and the environment include:

- Ensuring that the Garden State gets more than half of our energy from clean sources like solar and wind by 2030, a fourfold increase in the next twelve years over the achievements made since 2001.
- A strict cap that limits the increased cost of renewables to 3% decreasing to 1% over what we pay today for electricity.
- A Community Solar program that for the first time ensures all customers including low-income customers and those residing in multi-family residences will have access to the benefits of solar energy.
- An Energy Efficiency program that would decrease carbon dioxide emissions from the power sector by about 350,000 metric tons annually, the equivalent to taking approximately 75,000 cars off the road each year.

- The Energy Efficiency program would allow New Jersey residents to save up to \$200 million per year and could more than triple the number of residents working in energy efficiency from 31,000 to over 100,000.

Thank you for your leadership recognizing the importance of clean energy to the environmental and economic well-being of our state. We look forward to standing with you to celebrate New Jersey's commitment to a clean, healthy and prosperous future.

Sincerely,

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