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Dear Governor Morrisey and Attorney General McCuskey:

We write to express our deep concern about the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) attempt to dissolve the Solar for All program, including terminating our state's grant under that program. We urge you to use every tool at your disposal to push back against this unwarranted action that will harm families and small businesses across West Virginia.

In April 2024, EPA announced that West Virginia would receive \$106 million under the Solar for All program.¹ This announcement followed a rigorous and competitive application process, during which the West Virginia Office of Energy worked tirelessly to develop a program that would expand access to low-cost distributed energy technologies in our state. EPA ultimately awarded funds to the Office of Energy that promised to lower energy costs for thousands of people across West Virginia. Since then, the office has worked closely with EPA and other state partners to ensure that this public investment has the structure, guardrails, and oversight needed to ensure efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars.²

Further, a second Solar for All program stands to benefit West Virginia. Growth Opportunity Partners formed a partnership with numerous municipalities in West Virginia to bring solar energy projects to the state.

West Virginia's Solar for All program is a historic investment in energy affordability and economic development. Thanks to this program, homeowners and renters across the state would gain access to low-cost, reliable solar energy that would lower their electricity bills each year – all while boosting grid resilience and promoting energy independence. Given the Trump Administration's stated commitment to lowering energy costs for all Americans, the proposed termination of West Virginia's Solar for All grant is baffling.

EPA's proposed termination could not come at a worse time for hardworking families and small businesses across West Virginia. Solar for All funds are exclusively designated for use in low-income, rural, and other disadvantaged communities where people are already struggling to make ends meet. These investments are required to slash household electricity costs by 20

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<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-west-virginia-office-energy-receive-106m-deliver-residential-solar>

²<https://www.growthopps.org/growth-opps-and-ibew-announce-landmark-partnership-to-advance-solar-for-all-program/>

percent, lowering electricity bills for each household that benefits from the program by \$400 each year.

Across the United States, electricity rates are rapidly rising. Soaring energy demand from data centers and extreme heat waves are straining the grid – and people in West Virginia are paying the price. A \$250 million base rate increase proposal from Appalachian Power is before the West Virginia Public Service Commission.³ Investments made through WV’s Solar for All program are a vital tool for combatting these skyrocketing energy prices.

Moreover, our state is already putting these funds to work. The Office of Energy has invested time, energy, and resources in developing our state’s Solar for All program and ensuring that it delivers for people across West Virginia. Terminating the Office of Energy’s grant would waste federal funding that has already been spent, denying hardworking families and small businesses the benefits of those investments. It would negatively impact the economy and jobs in West Virginia, as the Solar for All program would help create more energy jobs within the state.

EPA’s attempt to terminate West Virginia’s Solar for All program is misguided and unjustified. If EPA succeeds, everyday people across West Virginia will be forced to foot the bill through higher electricity bills. **We urge you to take swift action to protect consumers in West Virginia from this shortsighted powergrab – and we thank you for your leadership.**

Sincerely,

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Christians for the Mountains
Citizens’ Climate Lobby - West Virginia
Energy Efficient West Virginia
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Sierra Club - West Virginia Chapter
Solar United Neighbors
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
West Virginia Climate Alliance
West Virginia Environmental Council
West Virginians for Energy Freedom