

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 15, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
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 recent decision to terminate the Solar for All program—an action that is not only inconsistent with the law but also threatens the economic and energy security of millions of Americans. The EPA must immediately reinstate this enormously important program.

Congress established the Solar for All program to slash utility bills for communities in all 50 states, tribes, and U.S. territories. It was designed to reduce residential electricity bills by a minimum of 20 percent for over 900,000 households nationwide.¹ In many cases, the program would support rooftop solar projects that could reduce electricity bills by as much as 80 percent. This program's implementation would not only lower energy costs but also generate jobs, promote workforce training, and boost American manufacturing. Solar for All strongly aligns with the bipartisan goals of facilitating American energy independence and strengthening grid reliability.

Your agency's decision to terminate Solar for All is not only unlawful—given this funding was congressionally appropriated and fully obligated—but also ill-timed. Energy bills are soaring across the country and millions of families are facing higher living costs. Indeed, electricity bills are 6.2 percent higher than this time last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.² Solar for All will save Americans an estimated \$350 million annually on their energy bills at a time when working families need it most.

EPA's reckless decision to terminate Solar for All directly undermines efforts by Congress to reduce energy costs and improve grid resilience. It jeopardizes economic investments and inflicts severe job losses across the country while undermining the trust and financial certainty that communities, businesses, and local governments have placed in the federal government. Further, it disrupts workforce training initiatives, such as those in West Virginia, Alaska, and across the Midwest where solar career pathways and apprenticeship programs are already underway.³

The EPA's illegal termination of Solar for All has left states, communities, and businesses across the country in limbo, with critical projects stalled and vulnerable households facing higher energy costs. We demand the EPA immediately reinstate the Solar for All program, rectify the damage caused by this

¹ US EPA, O. (2024, April 19). *Solar for All Fast Facts* [Overviews and Factsheets].

<https://web.archive.org/web/20250820082308/https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/solar-all-fast-facts>

² *Consumer Price Index Summary—2025 M08 Results*. (n.d.). Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retrieved September 19, 2025, from <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

³ US EPA, O. (2024, April 18). *Solar for All: Solar for Labor Highlights* [Overviews and Factsheets].

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termination, and ensure grantees can proceed with the swift implementation of residential solar projects to slash utility bills and create many thousands of good jobs. In the meantime, we require a full accounting of how the EPA will repair the damage caused by this program's disruptive termination.

The American people deserve transparency, accountability, and a government that honors its commitments. We look forward to your prompt response and action.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders
United States Senator



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



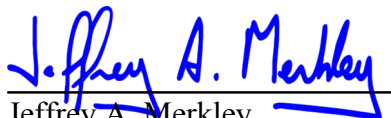
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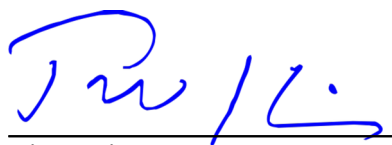
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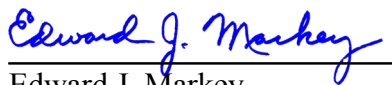
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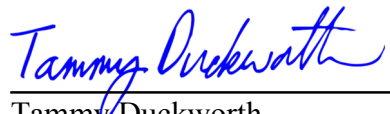
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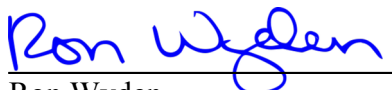
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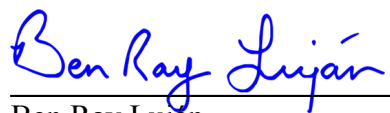
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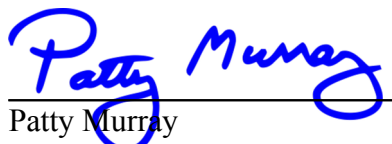
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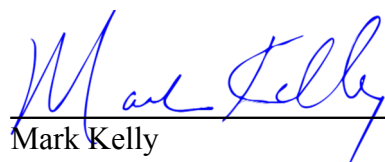
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