## Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3302

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

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

We are alarmed by recent reports indicating that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to terminate \$7 billion in federal grants to 60 grant recipients under the Solar for All program. We strongly urge you to reverse this decision, which will raise energy costs for our constituents, eliminate North Carolina jobs, and negatively impact communities across our state.

As of today, your agency's website touts the Solar for All program's goal to "create new or expand existing low-income solar programs," claiming that it will enable over 900,000 households in low-income and disadvantaged communities to benefit from distributed solar energy. EPA's website further claims that it will "[reduce] greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollution, [deliver] cost savings on electric bills for overburdened households, and [unlock] new markets for distributed solar in states and territories that have never had statewide low-income solar program before." We strongly agree.

Our home state of North Carolina is a major recipient of these funds. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), along with its coalition partners (the NC Clean Energy Fund, the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, and Advanced Energy), have an award agreement with EPA obligating \$156 million in funding to the state to design and implement our Solar for All program.

At a time when energy costs and demand are both rapidly increasing, it is concerning that your agency is considering an action that may violate federal law—Congress has already appropriated the funding—and would increase household energy costs for millions of Americans while jeopardizing thousands of jobs across a wide cross section of states. North Carolina has long been a leader in the clean energy economy, and this Administration's actions over the past seven months are putting billions of dollars in economic investment in our state at risk.

Again, we strongly urge you to reconsider this course of action. Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

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