

Solar energy has the opportunity to expand the state's economy, provide quality jobs, and advance Florida's energy industry to create clean, secure and affordable energy.

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Florida uses almost eight times as much energy as it produces, which presents the opportunity for increased and homegrown solar investments.'

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Florida electricity demand is expected to increase in the years ahead as the state's population continues to grow. 450,000 Florida homes are powered by solar, an 80% increase since 2018.' US Energy Information Administration https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=FL Solar power in Florida supports more than 12,000 jobs and growing.

As we face increasingly severe hurricanes and hotter temperatures solar energy can help make Florida more resilient and protect vulnerable residents. Strong policies and investments in solar energy benefiting Florida families should include:

• Safeguard net metering to ensure homeowners and businesses are fairly paid for energy they generate to offset startup costs.

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- Allow systems servicing universities, school districts, local governments and businesses to benefit from net metering, become resilience hubs and save taxpayer dollars.
- Establish statewide solar/renewable energy targets.

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