



January 21, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for your work to keep California on its groundbreaking path to build an equitable clean energy future.

For decades, California has been a leader in driving the shift to wind and solar power. Advancing that work is more important than ever if we are to meet and exceed the state's climate goal of cutting greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. And more needs to be done as the climate crisis continues to threaten our communities and our future.

To meet this challenge, we need an all-of-government approach, including legislative, executive and regulatory solutions—one of these is the California Public Utilities Commission's net-metering program.

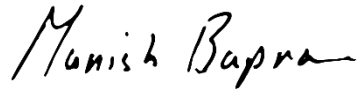
The net-metering program (NEM) has been incredibly successful in helping California reach its rooftop solar goals. NRDC is committed to ensuring that rooftop solar continues to flourish, including through net-metering. A range of stakeholders, including NRDC, have submitted their visions for what the next phase of NEM should look like. While views vary on NEM's design, we believe all stakeholders share the same goal: the equitable, sustainable, affordable expansion of rooftop solar in California as part of a larger effort to achieve the state's ambitious climate goals.

NRDC is committed to working with stakeholders in the continued effort to get the final design of NEM 3.0 right. We agree with you that there is more work we need to do. We believe we should take the time to get this right, and the final decision should reflect this additional work. We welcome this dialogue.

We request that you bring stakeholders together to achieve a joint vision on how to move forward collectively, looking both at NEM and broader legislative and budget solutions needed to continue the growth of solar power, and in particular to make it more accessible for low-income and disadvantaged communities. We need to reset the conversation with those solutions in mind. We need to base it around our shared goal. And we need to seek common ground to ensure the final design of NEM continues to succeed in its mission.

We look forward to finding a shared path forward to ensure California continues to lead in creating the clean energy jobs of the future, confronting the existential environmental challenge of our time, and helping to build a more just and equitable society.

Sincerely,

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Manish Bapna
President & CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Rome". The script is elegant and cursive.

Victoria Rome
Director of California Advocacy

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Miller". The script is bold and cursive.

Peter Miller
Co-Director Western Region, Climate & Clean Energy Program