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April 10, 2023Representative Bob BromleyUtilities CommitteeMissouri House of Representatives201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 401-AJefferson City, MO 65101Dear Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. would hurt net metering programs in Missouri, which would hurt not only the electrical supply and solar industry but also Missouri's people and environment. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to oppose HB 709. This bill would deter individuals and companies from participating in net metering programs because their costs could potentially skyrocket. Utility companies should not be allowed to increase costs to net metering participants as they are helping utilities rely less on nonrenewable energy sources. Net metering is good for the participant, our environment, and for all Missourians, as it provides us with more electricity. Net metering allows participants to have their solar panels connected to the utility's power grid, and surplus electricity that is generated transfers onto the grid. Net metering programs allow Missourians to play an active role in our energy production by providing energy from their homes or businesses via solar panels. This bill would allow utilities to significantly increase costs for homeowners and businesses that participate in net metering programs, programs that have helped Missouri grow the solar industry, thereby creating jobs and augmenting Missouri's economy. Solar energy is an important resource we should continue to support in Missouri, given the resources we predominantly currently rely on for energy in the state are nonrenewable. Solar energy helps Missouri be more resilient and self-sufficient. Furthermore, solar energy benefits all Missourians by improving air and water quality via a reduction in harmful outputs from coal-based energy sources and carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "no" on HB 709 in order to support net metering and solar energy in Missouri, which would promote Missouri's economy and safeguard the health of Missouri's people and environment. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott Melissa Vatterott, JDPolicy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environmentmvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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March 20, 2023Representative Bob BromleyUtilities CommitteeMissouri House of Representatives201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 401-AJefferson City, MO 65101Dear Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 709 would hurt net metering programs in Missouri, which would hurt not only the electrical supply and solar industry but also Missouri's people and environment. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to oppose HB 709. This bill would deter individuals and companies from participating in net metering programs because their costs could potentially skyrocket. Utility companies should not be allowed to increase costs to net metering participants as they are helping utilities rely less on nonrenewable energy sources. Net metering is good for the participant, our environment, and for all Missourians, as it provides us with more electricity. Net metering allows participants to have their solar panels connected to the utility's power grid, and surplus electricity that is generated transfers onto the grid. Net metering programs allow Missourians to play an active role in our energy production by providing energy from their homes or businesses via solar panels. This bill would allow utilities to significantly increase costs for homeowners and businesses that participate in net metering programs, programs that have helped Missouri grow the solar industry, thereby creating jobs and augmenting Missouri's economy. Solar energy is an important resource we should continue to support in Missouri, given the resources we predominantly currently rely on for energy in the state are nonrenewable. Solar energy helps Missouri be more resilient and self-sufficient. Furthermore, solar energy benefits all Missourians by improving air and water quality via a reduction in harmful outputs from coal-based energy sources and carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "no" on HB 709 in order to support net metering and solar energy in Missouri, which would promote Missouri's economy and safeguard the health of Missouri's people and environment. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott Melissa Vatterott, JDPolicy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environmentmvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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The Sierra Club Missouri Chapter opposes House Bills 709 and 991. These bills will make it more difficult for solar customers to benefit from net metering, despite the thousands of dollars of investments that they put into their solar installations, investments to benefit everyone on the grid and the utility companies themselves. The bill would have a detrimental effect on one of the fastest-growing industries in our state and affect thousands of local jobs. We should be providing greater incentives for individuals to use their own resources to harvest the power of the sun, not make it harder. Please oppose House Bills 709 and 991.



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The Sierra Club opposes House Bill 709. House Bill 709 attempts to solve the "value of solar" controversy with the blunt instrument of assuming the customer is responsible for all costs and provides no benefit. This is based on unmerited assumptions. Many studies show that net metering is an overall benefit to the distribution system. This bill arbitrarily lets the utility decide what costs are not "eliminated" by the customer's solar unit and what distribution costs are caused by that customer's installation.



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I represent Greentech Renewables, a division of Consolidated Electrical Distributors, with nearly 90 solar distribution centers across the country. We are the largest solar distributor in the country, and provide equipment to thousands of solar installers nationwide. Greentech expanded into Missouri in just the last five years, with distribution centers in both Kansas City and St. Louis.I suspect these bills have been filed to try and preempt the work of the Net Metering Task Force that was established last year. Net metering is a complex issue, requiring significant consideration from a variety of perspectives. Utilities certainly have a right to protect themselves from a safety standpoint, but we don't need to penalize Missouri businesses with excessive constraints that are not best practices in the industry. While still relatively unestablished in Missouri, the global solar industry is very mature, and there are plenty of safety requirements established in the NEC code governing installations, along with UL certifications in the equipment, and best practices commonly adopted in the industry. Rural cooperatives should not have any more ability to thwart or inhibit the inevitable expansion of solar than investor owned utilities or municipalities. Net metering certainly serves as an important component for residents and businesses to justify investing in solar. While more mature markets in Hawaii and California have begun to curtail net metering rights due to the higher saturation of solar in those states, we in Missouri have only touched a fraction of the potential here, with an insignificant impact on the balance of power on the grid. The Value of Solar study by the Net Metering Task Force will hopefully look at expanding net metering to allow for annual true-ups, which could benefit utilities by enabling solar generators to be next exporters in the summer (when energy values are in highest demand and at peak rates) to cover their own energy shortfalls on shorter winter days. An appropriate fee structure can balance things to satisfy both utilities and aspiring solar generators. We also need to raise the cap to allow businesses to generate more of their own clean energy; this limitation causes a lot of businesses to look elsewhere when expanding. We've heard from our customers (solar installers) about how some utilities have gone out of their way to make it difficult to install solar. This is un-American, and we need to protect consumers from monopoly powers of utilities. Let's let the Task Force do their work, and then see how to implement their recommendations in a way that benefits everyone.



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The extra net metering charges and costly new regulations in House bills 709 and 991 constitute an attack on Missourians, like me, who have invested thousands of dollars on rooftop solar systems to lower energy bills and support clean energy. The actual amount of total extra costs for solar homeowners is unknown at this time because HB709 and HB991 allow the level of certain charges to be determined after passage. These bills are discriminatory and detrimental to an important growing industry. Passage will discourage potential solar buyers and solar investment, leading to the loss of solar related jobs throughout the state. Solar growth has been good for Missouri's economy and environment. Please vote "No" on House Bills 709 and 991. Thank you for considering my views.