

April 28, 2025

Assembly Member Calderon  
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Submitted via email

**RE: OPPOSITION TO AB-942 Net Energy Metering: Eligible Customer-Generators; Tariffs.**

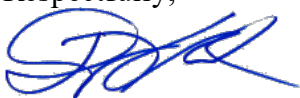
Dear Assembly Member Calderon

[The California Product Stewardship Council \(CPSC\)](#) respectfully **opposes AB 942**, which would effectively sunset, within ten years, any Net Energy Metering (NEM) tariffs contracts (aka NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0) held by eligible customer-generators. The NEM 1.0 and NEM 2.0 programs were influential in encouraging property owners to invest in rooftop solar which has helped California to be established as the largest installed solar market in the nation, representing 21% of the total installed solar in the United States, according to data from the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA). NEM 3.0 was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission to help stabilize the funding for utilities who were facing diminishing revenues as more solar systems were installed.

Cost effective solar energy production is one of the primary methods for California to meet its renewable energy goals. Sunsetting the incentives for millions of eligible customer-generators in California, particularly rooftop solar, could ultimately discourage reinvestment by those same entities when their systems reach the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement. Furthermore, as the older systems reach that point, reinvestment and replacement of old solar panels is needed to ensure that reuse and repair will continue to flourish at the same time that recycling of older solar panels will continue to grow to meet current demand and remain viable businesses into the future. End-of-life solutions for the safe and proper management of the millions of panels that are currently installed is absolutely essential to protect the environment and provide sustainable materials management for the production of new panels and other products. Reducing the number of new solar panels that could be installed in the future will create a year-over-year diminishing supply of old solar panels needing repair or recycling. If repair and recycling opportunities become limited due to diminishing supply, new repair and recycling operations will not be established, causing many old solar panels to be landfilled at the end of their useful life.

We understand that AB 942 is well intended, but we respectfully oppose the bill because it will lead to higher costs for consumers and limited opportunities for repair and recycling of old solar panels.

Respectfully,



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