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To the DOER

I am very concerned, for the future of my children, about the impacts of global warming due to our continued use of carbon-based fuels. We, and in the case of the SMART program I am speaking about the state of Massachusetts, need to do everything we can to increase whatever renewable energy sources are available to us. The SMART program does not do enough. We need to make it economically feasible for middle and low income residents to participate in solar energy installations.

Several years ago, my husband and I installed solar panels on our roof. We are lucky that we had enough to pay for it, and enough sun on our roof. Even with that, the SREC program was an important factor that allowed solar to be feasible for us. This kind of compensation needs to be continued and expanded and made fully available to low income residents, possibly by encouraging owners and developers of low income housing to install solar or to hook the residents up to shared solar projects.

The kind of compensation that is part of the SMART program, which declines too quickly, and the caps will not encourage solar installations and construction in ways that we need it to do.

Please work to strengthen these aspects of the SMART program.

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