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Joint Statement About the 12/15/2022 Final Net Metering Decision

We are beyond disappointed about the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) decision to make rooftop solar more expensive for all Californians. The final decision on the future of rooftop solar, known as net metering 3.0, will erode the economics of going solar by 75 percent, making rooftop solar an unrealistic investment for working class households and community organizations while dramatically slowing the rollout of new rooftop solar installations across the state. This decision is a huge setback for California and the CPUC has turned their backs on communities of concern, which will continue to suffer the disproportionate impacts of the continued use of dirty energy in California and across the globe. The commission's blatant disregard for the thousands of Californians who have expressed opposition to this proposal, as well as their disregard for the climate crisis, the state's clean energy goals and working class families who are struggling to pay their energy bills, shows that we still have a lot of work to do to truly achieve climate and energy justice.

Although this decision is not what we advocated for, we are extremely proud of the coalition across the state we were able to help build and mobilize. The outpouring of public opposition from nonprofits, cities, elected officials, climate justice organizations, businesses and more has shown how Californians can unite together to protect climate solutions.

According to the revised proposed decision, the most public comments against this proposal came from San Diego, which is undoubtedly due to the many organizations here who have been actively involved in this proceeding over the course of nearly two and a half years. We are proud of our efforts and would like to extend our thank you to the San Diego organizations, activists, elected officials and cities who were true leaders on this issue.

Make no mistake: the CPUC sided with the investor-owned utility companies on the issue instead of listening to the overwhelming interest of the public. The fossil fuel industry is so powerful and continues to block effective climate action needed for a livable future. This is a reminder about the pressing need to dismantle the fossil fuel industry's control over politics and to vote for elected officials that will stand up for justice and work diligently to stop the climate crisis.

We will continue to work to stop the worst impacts of the climate crisis and ensure that clean energy solutions remain viable across the state.