

Hello Wyoming Solar Enthusiasts,

I am going to start with something fun, but please keep reading because solar could be in trouble.

Wyoming solar needs your help.

Here's the fun part: I got to make a video about the NE Wyoming Welcome Center. It is a really cool, high efficiency, state owned solar building. If you ever get the chance, you should really check it out! Click the image or title below to watch the video.



[NE Wyoming Welcome Center](#)

Now for the part where I need your help:

Net Metering Could Be In Trouble!!

Net metering is on the **Corporations Committee** agenda for **September 16th at 4:00 pm at the Jackson Library.**

My colleague Monika and I had a conversation with Senator Case yesterday. He would like to get rid of net metering. Senator Case calls it a “regressive subsidy” and says it is basically poor people paying for rich people to use solar energy.

Senator Case would like to reduce credits for net metered customers by half to two thirds.

Senator Case's main point involves something called “cost shifting”. He says that any cost shift above zero is unacceptable. If you want to look into this, here is a link to a study from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory that looks at cost shifting: <http://eta-publications.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/lbnl-1007060.pdf>

The biggest takeaway from the study is that cost-shifting does exist in net metering. **Until net metered solar generation reaches around 3% of total generation for a utility, the actual cost**

to other customers is at or below 3 hundredths of a cent per kilowatt hour, or just 1 cent per 300 kilowatt hours. This is an amount that customers are not going to “feel” on their bill.

Right now, **Wyoming’s total amount of net metered solar only makes up 3 to 5 hundredths of 1% of total generation.**

I am concerned for a couple of reasons: First, **the solar industry is experiencing really good growth in our state** right now. **Getting rid of net metering could kill the industry.** Second, more and more organizations around the country have renewable energy mandates.

Most utilities in Wyoming do not currently offer a renewable option, so rooftop solar is the only way companies could meet mandates so they can work in our state. Also, since rooftop solar does not take up habitat, it a low impact way for organizations to meet mandates without harming wildlife.

I do not want to see net metering go away at a time when Wyoming should be working hard to diversify our economy. We can't afford to lose any tools right now.

If you care about solar in Wyoming, **PLEASE write members of the Corporations Committee and tell them you want to keep the net metering cap at or above 25 kW, and you do not want net metering credits to change.**

If you are from a senator or representative’s district, please let them know in your email.

As always, please be respectful and kind. Legislators get A LOT of email, and they can be under a lot of stress. Use a clear subject line, such as Net Metering Matters to Me or Please Read: Net Metering.

If you want to talk this over or learn more, please feel free to email, call, or text me and I would be happy to help.

Here are the names and email addresses of members of the Corporations Committee:

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Solar Power is growing in Wyoming! It is growing because of your interest. If you have ideas or resources (funding, installers we may not know about, programs, etc.) please let us know. Your ideas help to move solar forward, and none of our progress during the past year could have happened without people just like you!

You are receiving this email because you came to one of our solar events and because of your interest in solar energy.

Thank you for making Wyoming solar happen!