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Dear MLA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am a <COMMUNITY NAME> resident writing to express my profound concern with Nova Scotia Power’s new General Rate Application, filed with the Utility & Review Board on January 27, 2022. As you may be aware, this rate application would introduce a “system access charge” of $8 per kilowatt per month on solar net metering systems.

This new charge would cost the average Nova Scotia family with rooftop solar panels close to $800 per year, on top of a proposed 3.3 per cent increase in the residential electricity rate for each of the next three years.

Based on this rate application, Nova Scotia Power would earn $558 million in profit for the shareholders of their parent company, Emera Inc., over the next three years.

There are over 4,100 residential customers like me across Nova Scotia who have installed solar panels. We firmly oppose this proposed “systema access charge”, and we are calling on the Government to speak out against Nova Scotia Power’s regressive, arbitrary and unfair penalty on solar net metering customers.

The solar industry supports hundreds of jobs throughout the province, primarily in rural communities, and last year contributed approximately $30 million in private-sector investment to the Nova Scotia economy while helping to reduce the province’s GHG emissions by nearly 250,000 tonnes. This proposed change would destroy the industry and put the province’s target of 80% renewable electricity by 2030 even further out of reach.

As a resident of <COMMUNITY NAME>, I ask that you voice your support for our community’s solar industry, and speak out against Nova Scotia Power’s new rate application and the proposed penalty on solar homes.

Your sincerely,

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