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Dear Administrator Zeldin,

As members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation, we write to express our deep concerns regarding the recent termination of outstanding grants under the Solar for All program. The Solar for All program represents historic investments in solar energy, awarding \$7 billion in grants to 60 state, tribal, municipal, and nonprofit organizations, including \$156 million to the Georgia BRIGHT Communities Coalition.¹

The clean energy sector in Georgia has grown rapidly, generating significant investments, creating good-paying jobs, and strengthening rural economies, in part due to tax credits, rebates, and grants provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. The Solar for All program was designed to expand access to affordable solar energy for low- and middle-income households, businesses, community centers, and local utilities. These grants were intended to finance solar energy projects that bolster American energy independence, increase energy reliability, and lower energy costs. According to the EPA, participating low-income households would have saved an average of \$400 annually.²

Georgia, which faces one of the highest energy burdens in the nation, was on track to establish a stronger, cleaner energy grid.³ However, the abrupt cancellation of Solar for All grants has forced the Georgia BRIGHT Communities Coalition to pause these programs, delaying the deployment of readily available energy resources and the necessary transition to clean energy. This leaves Georgia families with higher energy bills and fewer job opportunities, while utilities struggle to meet the growing demand for power.

Furthermore, the decision to cancel these grants raises serious legal questions.⁴ In your August 7th announcement, you claimed that the passage of H.R. 1, commonly called the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," released your authority to administer the Solar for All program.⁵ However, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that only \$19 million in administrative funding remained unobligated and unspent.⁶ Moreover, funding for Solar for All grants was already obligated to 60 recipients under contracts that should not be cancelled without a strong legal justification.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that you:

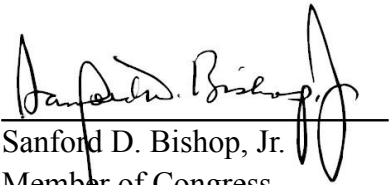
1. Ensure full and immediate disbursement of Solar for All funds that have been obligated to grant awardees in Georgia;
2. Provide guidance regarding any additional actions that may affect grants recipients; and
3. Explain the legal basis for any decisions to cancel obligated grants under the Solar for All program.

We urge your office to approach this matter with transparency and urgency, recognizing the critical role this program can play in supporting a more resilient energy grid, reducing energy costs, and creating economic opportunities for Georgia families. Please provide, within one month, a response in writing with an update on the status of the funds.

Sincerely,



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¹ New York Times, “In Georgia, Trump’s cuts to solar projects hit some of his voters,” (October 11, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/11/climate/georgia-trump-solar-for-all.html>

² Environmental Protection Agency, “Solar for All Fast Facts,” (Last updated February 25, 2025), <https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/solar-all-fast-facts>

³ Atlanta Journal Constitution, “New solar program helps Georgians slash their power bills – for free,” (August 4, 2025), <https://www.ajc.com/business/2025/08/new-solar-program-helps-georgians-slash-their-power-bills-for-free/>

⁴ Atlanta Journal Constitution, “The EPA killed \$7B for solar. Now, groups in Georgia, other states are suing,” (October 6, 2025), <https://www.ajc.com/business/2025/10/the-epa-killed-7b-for-solar-now-groups-in-georgia-and-other-states-are-suing/>

⁵ Reuters, “Trump administration will end \$7 billion solar energy grant program,” (August 7, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/trump-administration-will-end-7-billion-solar-energy-grant-program-2025-08-07/>

⁶ Congressional Budget Office, “Estimated Budget Impacts of H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” (June 4, 2025), <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61461>