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The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Director Vought and Administrator Zeldin,

We are writing regarding the August 7th EPA announcement to terminate all outstanding grants under the Solar for All program, funding that has already been obligated by Congress. The Solar for All program was established through the Inflation Reduction Act to unleash America's energy potential, increase energy independence, invest in a homegrown workforce, and expand access to affordable energy for households just as energy costs soar. By driving local economic growth and advancing our nation's urgent energy goals, Solar for All stands as a model of how federal investment delivers lasting benefits to communities. The program's termination harms America's energy future and leaves grant recipients - many of whom have already hired staff and broken ground on critical projects - without the funding they are legally owed.

In Arizona, \$156 million in Solar for All funding was obligated to the Governor's Office of Resiliency. As awarded, the Solar for All Arizonans program is set to deploy 61 MW of distributed energy, lower Arizonans' utility bills, create and sustain thousands of local jobs, and improve public health. In addition to Governor Hobbs' Solar for All Arizonans program, the Hopi Tribe received \$25 million to improve energy independence through the installation of residential rooftop solar for households on the reservation. These investments have been coordinated with local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private partners who have committed substantial resources and planning based on the EPA's funding obligations. To terminate this program now would jeopardize these projects and waste months of program development and taxpayer dollars.

Despite your unilateral claim that the Solar for All program has been terminated, it is clear that the funds for its grant awards remain obligated. During the drafting of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the Congressional Budget Office determined¹ that, because these grant funds remain intact, the

¹ 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>

EPA would recover only \$19 million of the \$7 billion program. This sum solely represents administrative funds returned to the U.S. Treasury. This analysis from Congress's budget experts makes clear the actual legal status of the grant awards.

Retracting obligated Solar for All funds is an encroachment on Congress's fiscal authority and a violation of established federal regulations. There is no acceptable reason to abandon commitments already made to the people of Arizona and the country. **We demand a full and immediate disbursement of funds** that have been properly and legally obligated to grant awardees in Arizona. Anything less would constitute a breach of trust, a retreat from critical energy investments, and a shameful disservice to vulnerable communities that have long lacked access to clean, affordable power.

Sincerely,



Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona



Mark Kelly
United States Senator



Ruben Gallego
United States Senator



Greg Stanton
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress