

September 16, 2019

The Honorable John Katko
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Katko,

As a business operating in the 24th Congressional District of New York, we respectfully urge you to cosponsor H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act. This bipartisan legislation is a major priority for our companies as it would continue the solar investment tax credit, an essential policy that has driven job creation and clean energy deployment across New York.

As a matter of background, my business Green Spark Solar is 18 years old and has been in your district since 2005. We have built more than 500 renewable energy projects including with our businesses, institutions, municipalities, and residences. We currently employ 32 people in Wayne County and we deploy as many as 100 construction staff to build our various projects using 100% local labor from both our union halls and open source contractors.

The 24th District has been very important for solar development. It currently plays home to more than 2,100 solar projects totaling over 70MW of solar energy and providing enough electricity to power more than 12,000 homes. As you know, towns across the district such as DeWitt, Sodus and Sodus Point are moving toward more solar deployment. At Syracuse University, solar has been deployed to heat water and provide power. In your district, the Town of Williamson, Town of Ontario, Marshall Bio Resources, Heritage Christian Services, Long Acre Farms, Young Summer Winery, Cherry Lawn Farm, Featherly's Garage, DeWitt Library, Grandpa's Nursery have all gone solar. There are many existing community solar arrays where our residences that can not have solar at their home have an opportunity to save money and go solar. This important policy will give the neighboring businesses, institutions, and municipalities in your district to go solar and save money on their existing electric bills.

Whether residents and businesses install solar to produce their own power, save money on their bills, or improve storm resiliency, support for solar energy is strong in the 24th District, helping make New York a top 10 solar state nationally.

As solar businesses operating in your district, we are incredibly proud of the role we have played in this accomplishment and the creation of new career opportunities for our fellow residents – this includes everyone from rooftop installers to project developers, electricians, architects and everyone in between.

The solar investment tax credit is an established, bipartisan policy that has played an essential role in and our ability to provide meaningful careers in the 24th District. We strongly support H.R. 3961 and

respectfully ask for your co-sponsorship and support. This is a major priority for our companies and our employees.

Sincerely,

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