



# GA Solar

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## GA Solar Sponsors Georgia Energy Conference



This month GA Solar sponsored the Georgia Energy Conference — a conference hosted by Commissioner Tim Echols on Jekyll Island followed by the Georgia Climate Conference. It was a well-attended event with many knowledgeable speakers who shared their expertise on a variety of subjects such as solar, EV, and sustainability.

The big takeaway on the topic of solar is that an “all in” mix of rooftop C&I and residential solar plus utility solar is necessary to achieve carbon neutrality. GA Solar Vice-Chair, Thatcher Young, and Policy Committee Chairman, Don Moreland, were both interviewed by GPB (Georgia Public Broadcasting) for a story they're working on in relation to the monthly-net-metering cap.

### Hey Georgia, Three ways to get involved today!

**#1**

#### **Behind-the-Meter (BTM) solar working group.**

We're starting a working group to support BTM solar. If you think BTM is important to you and your business, please send an email to [chairman@gasolar.org](mailto:chairman@gasolar.org). Important matters require your attention and we're asking for your help.

**#2**

#### **#shareyoursolar**

The Georgia Solar Energy Association wants to share solar success stories with lawmakers and elected officials. If you've installed solar on your home or business please take a moment to complete our [#shareyoursolar](#)

After the event, GA Solar and Velo Solar co-hosted a happy hour, while many people donned our Scrap the Solar Cap stickers.



[survey](#) for a chance to be featured in our newsletter and on social media!

**#3**

### Solar Company Census

We're conducting a 2021 census to track the influx of new solar companies as a result of [Monthly-Netting](#). Let us know of new solar companies working in your area by sending an email to [census@gasolar.org](mailto:census@gasolar.org).



Your donations - both small and large - to GA Solar supports our efforts to extend the benefits of solar energy to all Georgians and keep our solar industry strong.

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### Is Georgia's summer sizzle causing an icy market for solar power?



### [Become a Member](#)

GA Solar supports the development of a robust solar industry in Georgia through advocacy, education and outreach. ***We depend on membership and sponsorship contributions to make our work possible.***

GA Solar's own, Montana Busch, writes in this op-ed about how the Peach State is in a vital battle for rooftop solar and keeping the jobs this burgeoning industry has already created.

“Currently, Georgia is among the top 10 states in total solar power installed. Unfortunately, we rank near the bottom (41st) for rooftop solar installed. While Georgia utilities are thankfully installing a large number of solar arrays, rooftop Solar – where home and business owners install solar panels on their property – has numerous artificial obstacles standing in the way of the free market.”

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## Georgia Solar Receiving National Attention



Georgia's burgeoning solar industry received national attention in August. *The Wall Street Journal* wrote about our state's top-10 placement for installed solar capacity, due in large part to utility-grade solar fields being installed on huge land tracts statewide. While the headline is somewhat misleading – since all energy is subsidized and mandated – the article puts the spotlight on solar power and highlights the need for more rooftop solar.

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## Georgians Seeking Rooftop Solar Face Higher Bills As Georgia Power Program Maxes Out

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Georgia Power has consistently signaled it prefers utility scale solar energy production, as in this solar farm in Bibb County, over dispersed rooftop solar installations. A program that helped make rooftop solar affordable for the utility's customers reached its 5,000-customer cap in summer 2021, making solar power more expensive for the end consumer going forward."

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## You've got \$30 billion to spend and a climate crisis. Nuclear or solar?



This article dives into the cost of building nuclear power plants and proves that solar+storage could've been built for far less capital. Let's not forget that solar+storage provides on-demand electrical power rather than just base power generation, creates thousands more jobs, vitalizes struggling rural economies, and doesn't involve potential nuclear catastrophe.

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## **We know how to build an all-renewable electric grid**



The main solution to climate change is well known: stop burning fossil fuels. How to do this is more complicated, but as a scholar who does energy modeling, I and others see the outlines of a post-fossil-fuel future: We make electricity with renewable sources and electrify almost everything.

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## **Solar highlights in the Senate's \$3.5 trillion budget proposal**



The United States Senate released its [Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution Toplines](#). The document was voted on, and released, by the Senate's controlling Democratic Party.

The document will help guide the coming Budget Reconciliation process, which needs only a simple majority to pass the House and Senate.

The bill aims to fight climate change with investments in clean electricity and home electrification, to be funded by higher taxes on corporations.

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