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## Senate Bill 299 Webinar Recap



If you missed GA Solar's most recent webinar on Senate Bill 299, you're in luck. See below for links to view a recording of the webinar and an SB 299 one-pager with a summary and talking points!

A special thanks goes to the webinar speakers **Steve O'Day**, **Katie Ottenweller**, **Brion Fitzpatrick**, and **Jonnell Minefee**; our moderator, **Jennette Gayer**; and our sponsors **QCells** and **Alternative Energy Southeast**.

[> Recording of Webinar](#)

[> SB 299 One-Pager](#)

## New USDOT drive for more roadside solar panels

**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 survey](#) for a chance to be



The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced [its plan](#) to modernize the US electric grid and utilize highway right-of-way (ROW) land to host transmission lines, build renewable energy projects, deploy broadband, and support electric vehicle charging.

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## 2021 Georgia Legislative Update



The 2021 Georgia General Assembly (GGA) session was light on introduced legislation given the COVID-19 budget impact but concluded with the solar industry introducing Senate Bill 299. Here are other bills we are tracking that could have an impact on the solar industry.

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## GA Solar Publishes Guidance in Choosing a Solar Contractor

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.

### 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.***

To view a PDF detailing the benefits of membership and sponsorship levels, [please click here.](#)



The fast-paced growth of the solar industry has attracted a number of sales companies looking to “get rich quick” and may pressure consumers into making an less than informed purchasing decision. GA Solar tells you what to look out for in choosing a solar contractor.

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## How bitter Korean rivals settled a rift that threatened Georgia battery plant



The \$1.8 billion settlement allows SK Innovation to complete construction of sprawling factories that will supply batteries for Ford and Volkswagen electric vehicles....”

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## Renewable Energy Is Suddenly Startlingly Cheap



[E]ven if the analysts are too optimistic by half, we'll still be swimming in cheap solar energy. "We have established that technical and economic barriers have been crossed by falling costs. It follows that the main remaining barrier to change is the ability of incumbents to manipulate political forces to stop change..."

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## Americans want more renewable energy. Can 'community choice' help them get it?



*Frustrated by slow uptake of renewable power sources, some communities are taking their power needs into their own hands.*



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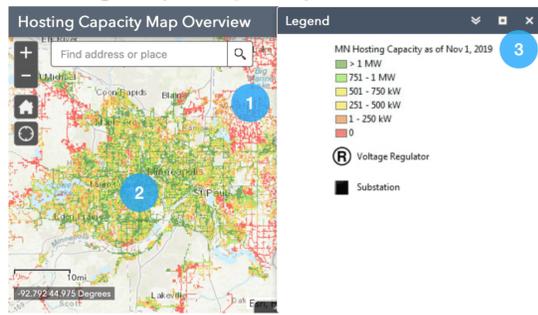
**#shareyoursolar** success photos. Keep them coming Georgia!

Pew Research Center surveys show that 79 percent of respondents, across political lines, want the U.S. to develop more alternative energy resources, such as solar and wind. That support has increased [more than 15 percentage points since 2011](#).

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## Hosting Capacity Analysis Could Simplify Grid Interconnection For Distributed Energy Resources

### Hosting Capacity Map



Want to utilize the map in full screen? Go [here](#) (external link).

*While hosting capacity analysis can be valuable as a data point, it could be an even better tool for distributed solar adoption.*

"[A]n improved hosting capacity analysis could be used to streamline the 'interconnection' process of plugging solar into the electric grid ... [use] utility hosting capacity analyses to reduce the complexity of the interconnection process."

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## Battery storage 30% cheaper than gas peaker plants for firming renewables



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*Cathey Houle*



Improvements in battery-operating technology mean storage now outperforms gas-fired peaking plants on speed and reliability of response, which was the basis of gas technology's biggest claim to a place in the future renewables-based electricity system.

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