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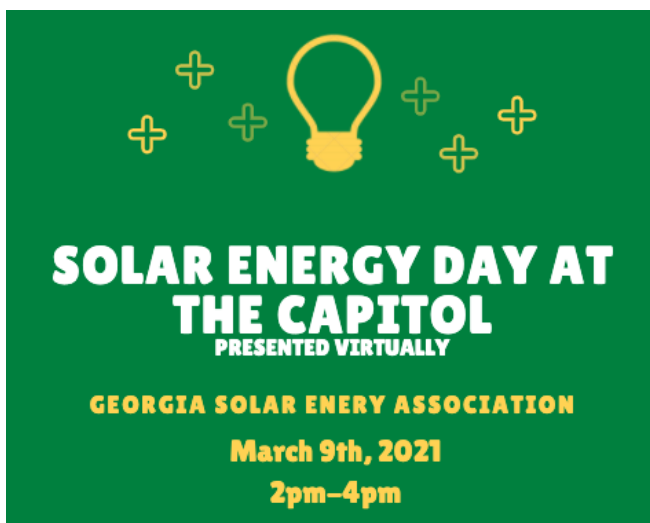


A Letter from GA Solar Co-Chair, Montana Busch

The association has continued working steadily to help Georgia's solar industry reach its full potential. I am honored to work alongside the members of this board, many of whom volunteer several hours of their time on a daily basis. Every hour worked is one small step closer.

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Solar Energy Day at the Capitol, a GA Solar first!



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 chairmain@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 chance to be featured in our newsletter and 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

The Georgia Solar Energy Association is hosting a virtual Solar Energy Day at the Capitol! Solar Energy Day will advocate for solar energy and highlight legislative action to improve the landscape for solar deployment in Georgia. **We ask you, as a member/supporter of GA Solar, to join us** virtually as we host a series of meetings with our state lawmakers. Let your voice be heard, or just join to show your support!

Register Now!

Note: due to an update in the lawmakers' scheduled on March 9th, we've changed the time of this event to 2-4PM

companies working in your area by sending an email to 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.

Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols: Is our grid safe?



"Never say never, but Georgia's situation is very different from Texas. First, we are still a "regulated" state meaning that from the power plant to the meter behind your house, the power company, with PSC oversight, is responsible and has complete control of ensuring reliability."

[> More from Commissioner Echols](#)

[> From Commissioner McDonald](#)

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.](#)

How Rooftop Solar Can Save Americans \$473 billion

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[The study] found the cheapest way to reduce emissions actually involves building 247 gigawatts of rooftop and local solar power (equal to about one-fifth of the country's entire generating capacity today). In this scenario, consumers would save \$473 billion, relative to what electricity would otherwise cost.

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Solar Resiliency Technical Assistance Program



GEFA is incentivizing the installation of solar PV and backup batteries at critical facilities.

Phase two of the Solar Resiliency Technical Assistance Program is being offered to government entities—cities, counties, K-12 schools, and state agencies—that are not eligible to receive the federal tax credit that benefits for-profit facilities.

Applications due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021.

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Just Transition



How two grassroots, BIPOC-led coalitions are helping to democratize the climate justice space.

By engaging and bringing leaders together, building capacity, and providing coordination support, more underrepresented voices are now at these decision-making tables.

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How Solar Panels Can Help Save Struggling Farms



Solar companies and farmers can work together to harvest sunlight for both energy and food. As renewable energy ramps up, the concept could at once help fulfill the need for land on

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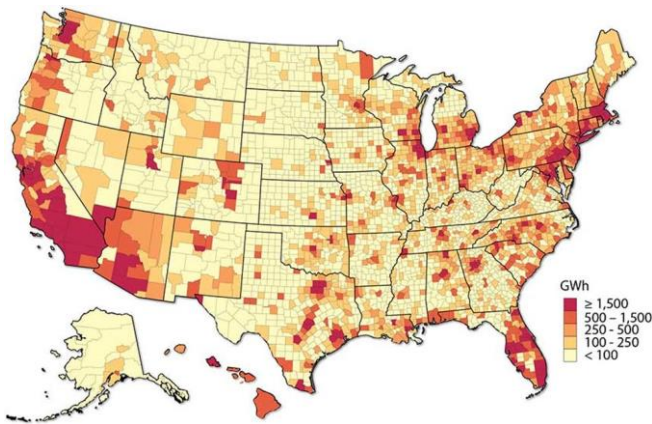
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which to build new solar installations while also helping farmers stay afloat in the face of converging stressors.

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Cheaper solar power means low-income families can also benefit – with the right kind of help



Today hundreds of thousands of middle-class households across the U.S. are turning to [solar power](#). But households with incomes below the median for their areas remain less likely to go solar. Thanks to these price and growth trends, an increasing number of state and local governments, utilities and businesses want to help lower-income customers go solar.

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House lawmakers reintroduce the GREEN Act, a ‘critical’ bill for solar



[T]he solar ITC would be extended at 30% through the end of 2025; establish an ITC for energy storage technology on a stand-alone basis...that would start at 30% through the end of 2026; and includes provisions for energy efficiency, electric vehicles, and clean energy workforce development, among other provisions.

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