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I'm writing to encourage you not to change the net metering in NH.

I recently put solar on my roof to cover my electricity usage and offset other energy use. For now, I am producing excess electricity. I plan on adding a heat pump to my propane furnace, and I hope the excess electricity generated will cover that. Propane is a financial issue, environmental issue, and a safety issue (carbon monoxide and explosion risk if there is a leak).

Without the current Net Metering policy, I'd need to add a battery or buy back the energy that I put up there at a higher price. Adding a battery would almost double the cost of the installation, adds other issues (fire hazard, recycle issues later, etc.), and still does not handle the excess the I generate in the short term.

We need to encourage more solar and not put up barriers to adoption. NH ranks 37th in MW of solar installed, 38th in homes with solar, 36th in number of solar jobs, 30th in percent of energy powered by solar and 4th from LAST (47th) in cost per installation.. (Forbes 2023)

I moved from MA where it is much cheaper to go solar. I did it in NH because it is the right thing to do. You should do the right think as well - Don't make it harder - make it easier to go solar. Offer incentives, not penalties.

Vote against DE22-60, and offer a bill that encourages solar adoption.

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