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California Energy Commission
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Re: Support for SolarAPP Foundation's BRIDGE 2024 Grant Application

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Freedom Forever, I submit this comment on the SolarAPP Foundation's BRIDGE 2024 grant application, scheduled for consideration at the October 8, 2025 California Energy Commission Business Meeting.

Freedom Forever is one of the nation's largest residential solar installers, with California as our largest market. Every day our teams work with local permitting and inspection offices. When processes are delayed or inconsistent, projects stall, crews lose time, and families wait longer for clean energy. SolarAPP+ provides a more predictable, reliable framework that keeps projects moving while maintaining safety.

The proposed SolarAPP+ expansions address two challenges we see in the field: code-aligned virtual inspections to shorten scheduling delays and improve consistency, and automated permitting for residential EVSE to establish a clear process for one of the fastest-growing permit categories.

These improvements will help local governments manage demand, support contractors in delivering projects on time, and give families faster access to solar, storage, and EV charging.

Freedom Forever urges the Commission to approve the SolarAPP Foundation's BRIDGE 2024 grant application.

Sincerely,

Matthew Markham

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