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**Please uphold Title 24 Solar Homes Mandate**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



**Re: Comments on SMUD's application for exemption to T24 Solar Homes Mandate**

Dear Commissioners and CEC Staff:

On behalf of 350 Sacramento, a local nonprofit organization committed to a just transition to a fossil-fuel-free future and safe climate, I am writing to urge you to reject SMUD's request for an exemption to the Solar Homes Mandate.

This exemption would undermine the spirit of the Solar Homes Mandate, which was passed to increase solar opportunities in our state. If SMUD gets its way, developers would be encouraged to choose the less-expensive SolarShares, which is not the same as a true community solar option. This choice would mean fewer homes with rooftop solar, fewer financial benefits to residents of these dwellings, more carbon emissions in our community, and would impede the speedy transition to 100% renewable energy. In addition, this would set a precedent for developers throughout the state to avoid following the Solar Homes Mandate.

We are currently losing the race against climate change. Climate impacts are happening faster and with more intensity than models predicted, and it is imperative that we respond by increasing our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in every way. We need BOTH rooftop solar and community solar installed as rapidly as possible and at every opportunity so that SMUD, the biggest carbon emitter in our region, can shut down its gas-powered plants, which are emitting over 2.5 million metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. Rooftop solar provides unique benefits not provided by SolarShares: savings to residents, shading that can cut air conditioning costs and energy use, and myriad resilience opportunities.

We ask that you reject SMUD's request and encourage rooftop solar as the T24 mandate intended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurie Litman'.

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