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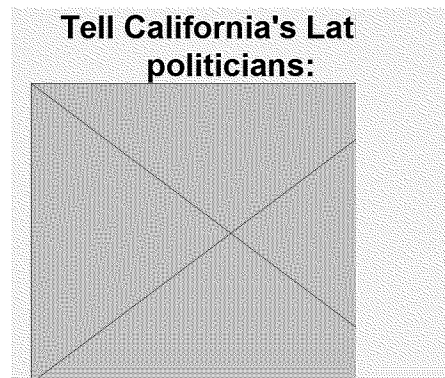
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I am not terribly concerned, but just want to keep everyone in the loop regarding solar lobby.
Mark

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Stand up for our commu
not big utility
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Dear Mark,

Right now, the most powerful utilities in California, like Southern California Edison, are trying to get Latino politicians in Sacramento to **stop the growth of rooftop solar**. And they will succeed unless we stand up and tell them otherwise.

That's why Presente has launched a site in partnership with groups like The Other 98% to push back.

Can you go to saverooftopsolar.com to tell members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus not to cave to big utilities?

Latino assemblyman Henry T. Perea, D-Fresno, has already introduced a bill that would **force consumers to pay at least \$10 a month regardless of how much power they generate through solar panels**. According to the Sierra Club, this could discourage as many as 40 percent of new customers from using solar energy. ¹

You would think that **expanding the use of clean renewable energy for everyone across the Golden State is something everybody would love**. Rooftop solar is wildly popular among the Latino community. According to a recently release voter survey on our green economy, 80% of Latino voters in the state believe that state legislators should make it a high priority to increase rooftop solar energy in California. ²

But the **big utilities just don't like our state's rooftop solar revolution**, and if we don't do something about it, now, more Latino politicians like assemblyman Perea are going to work to protect their bottom line instead of protecting our communities.

Tell members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus not to cave to big utilities and to protect and encourage the adoption of rooftop solar.

Either Latino leaders in the state legislature **stand with the overwhelming majority of us that support rooftop solar, or they stand for utilities** who care more about their bottom line than the environment.

Thanks and ¡adelante!

Arturo, Erick, Kyle and the rest of the Presente.org Team

Sources:

1. "[The Green Way: Assembly bill threatens to fry solar movement.](#)" *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, Aug. 10, 2013.
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