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NEW JERSEY CLEAN ENERGY EQUITY ACT

Building on the success of the Clean Energy Act of 2018, the Community Solar Pilot Program, and the 2019 Energy Master Plan, now is the time to prioritize New Jersey's overburdened communities and ensure they too benefit from clean energy access, energy savings, and job opportunities.

According to the U.S. Census (2011–2016), the national average energy burden for low-income households is 8.6%—3 times higher than other households. New Jersey's overburdened communities pay into the funds that support clean energy programs, which have significantly expanded New Jersey's growing clean energy industry, but do not fully benefit from the financial, economic and environmental benefits that clean energy provides.

The NJ Clean Energy Equity Act, S. 2484, aims to extend these benefits to all New Jerseyans with the goal of creating health, wealth, workforce and climate resilience.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



IF YOU ARE A LEGISLATOR:

Extend your support by becoming a co-sponsor of the Clean Energy Equity Act and encourage your colleagues to support it as well.



IF YOU ARE A NEW JERSEY RESIDENT:

Contact your local representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the Clean Energy Equity Act. Visit: NJShines.org

ABOUT US:

We are a coalition of over 15 solar, environmental, faith, community development and social justice organizations and businesses. We believe the benefits of clean energy should extend to everyone for a 100% clean energy future.

WHAT'S IN THE BILL:



Establish an Office of Clean Energy Equity (OCEE) charged with equitable deployment of clean energy technologies for New Jersey's overburdened communities.



Deploy onsite solar or community solar combined with energy efficiency to reduce the energy burden of 250,000 low-income households or 35% of low-income households, whichever is larger by 2030.



Deploy 400 MW of storage in overburdened communities by 2030.



Develop solar or clean energy curriculum and paid workforce training programs that provide training to at least 2,500 individuals from overburdened communities by 2025.



Allocate 10% of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' annual clean energy budget or \$50 million annually to undertake the activities listed above.



Require that all new construction in low-income and environmental justice communities be solar ready.

ENDORSED BY:



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