December 4, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Minority Leader

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The Honorable John Thune

Majority Leader

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The Honorable Chuck Schumer

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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jefferies,

As solar companies engaged in helping Americans across the country keep the lights on and prices low, we are writing today to express concern about the July 15 memo from the Secretary of Interior which creates burdensome red tape, effectively halting permitting for solar energy projects. This policy will significantly delay or cancel deployment of much-needed solar energy.

On its face, the July 15th memo requires elevated review for solar energy permits. However, federal agencies are implementing this directive in a way that amounts to a nearly complete moratorium on permitting for any project in which the Department of Interior may play a role, on both federal and private land, no matter how minor. This includes:

- Permits and consultations that occur under any DOI agency for projects on federal lands or any other project with a clear federal nexus.
- Permits and consultations for projects primarily on private lands that involve easements, rights-of-way or gen-ties crossing public land.
- Permits and consultations for projects on private lands that occur under DOI agencies including those requiring compliance with Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- Permits from non-DOI federal agencies (e.g. Army Corps of Engineers) for private land projects where the DOI has a consultative role such as wetland impacts, water crossings, or tree removal.
- Projects on private land utilize DOI resources, such as IPaC, to determine species impacts.

We urge Congress to work with the Department of the Interior to address the unduly discriminatory and unprecedented government overreach, by revoking the July 15th memo.

In the alternative, we believe there are reasonable steps the Department of Interior can take in the short-term to prevent unnecessary delays in energy development that is currently poised to help meet the growing energy demands of AI and other industries.

Businesses need certainty in order to continue making investments in the United States to build out much-needed energy projects. Certainty must include a review process that does not discriminate by energy source. We urge Congress to keep fairness and certainty at the center of permitting negotiations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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