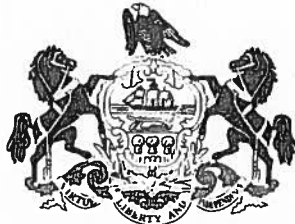


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To: All House Members  
From: Rep. Chris Ross *CR*  
Date: May 6, 2011  
Subject: Proposed Legislation - **Solar Renewable Energy Credits**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to address the rapidly unfolding crisis in the solar energy development industry here in Pennsylvania.

When we created the Alternative Energy portfolio Standards legislation in 2004, the solar energy requirements were carefully constructed to start low and increase very gradually over the first 10 years. We also allowed facilities that were established in other neighboring states and were part of our PJM management transmission network to qualify for Pennsylvania's solar renewable energy credits.

Over the past several years, a very substantial increase in solar installations, due to grant programs such as Pennsylvania Solar, have overwhelmed the solar renewable energy requirements. For example, the credit year total requirements are 44 megawatts, but we currently have at least 78 megawatts that are registered and which qualify for credits.

In the near future, based on Pennsylvania solar grant approvals, another 110 megawatts will be coming on line, which will eliminate all incentives for new installations until 2015. A number of solar developers have confirmed that they are pulling out of Pennsylvania and taking their jobs to other states. Furthermore, neighboring states have refused to extend reciprocity, and either restrict or don't accept Pennsylvania solar installations as qualifying for their renewable energy credits.

Therefore, my legislation would propose to adjust the solar renewable energy credits for years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to bring the demand for credits back in line with expected supply, and require future registration of solar installations to be restricted to those tied to Pennsylvania's distribution network.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Rita Markle, 717-783-1574 or via Groupwise at: [rmarkle@pahousegop.com](mailto:rmarkle@pahousegop.com).

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