During the natural disaster last September that struck our area named Hurricane Irma, I was one of the incredibly fortunate households that didn't experience any level of extended power outage during or in the aftermath of the storm. Hundreds of thousands of other Florida power company customers were not that lucky. Consumers deserve the right to access and store energy as we face an uncertain climate future driving stronger and more punitive storm seasons. We need a safer, more reliable electric grid built on decentralized solar power with battery storage.