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Steve Rutherford is a service-disabled veteran who served 22 years in the Navy SEALs. After serving in Iraq to bring freedom abroad, Steve came home to Florida and started a company to help his neighbors achieve energy freedom.



For the past 9 years, Steve's company, Tampa Bay Solar, has employed 30 people across Central Florida, a third of whom are veterans.

Tampa Bay Solar is just **one of more than 400 solar companies** putting Floridians to work everyday. Before the pandemic, solar employed over 12,000 people across the state.



Amidst unprecedented economic downturn due to the corona virus pandemic, the **Florida Public Service Commission** is considering eliminating a rule called net metering that enables the solar industry to do business in our state. With over 1 million Floridians unemployed, now is not the time to take away a major source of good local jobs that can never be outsourced.

Protect Florida's clean energy jobs. Protect net metering. Let Florida's homegrown solar industry help re-power our economy one roof at a time.



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