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Dear Mr. Tan:

Researchers at the University of Miami's Department of Atmospheric Sciences have found that sea levels around the Miami coast have increased 3.7 inches in the last 19 years, and that the rate of sea-level rise is accelerating. They predict, nevertheless, that if the rate held steady for the next 50 years, high tide levels in Miami would increase over five feet. They think the predictions of sea-level rise with which scientists have been working are gross underestimates.

That's why it behooves the Public Service Commission to do everything it possibly can to facilitate Floridians' rapid transition to solar energy. There are three steps it could take:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Protect net metering, which allows solar customers to feed electricity they don't use back into the power grid. This will enable Floridians to install solar panels on their roofs without being subjected to punitive fees by power companies, and it's essential.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Permit residents to save money on electricity via third-party sales of solar power, so that solar businesses pay for and install solar systems on individual properties and then sell the electricity generated to the customer at a fixed rate.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Embrace the Commission's mandate to serve the public, face up to the harsh reality of climate change, and integrate cost-effective solar energy instead of expensive new fossil fuel and nuclear power plants.

This is what every informed person everywhere who isn't making money off of fossil fuels or nuclear energy is crying out for. This is what Florida needs.

Sincerely yours,
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