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RE: RFI: Solar for All Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Components of Potential Redesigned Community Remote Net Metering Program

Dear Mr. Brown, Mr. Nichols, Ms. Beland, Ms. Bradbury, & Ms. Hasenfus,

Thank you for the Request for Information regarding the Solar for All Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Components of Potential Redesigned Community Remote Net Metering Program. Green Energy Consumers Alliance is a nonprofit organization with a mission to harness the power of energy consumers to speed the transition to a low-carbon future. We respectfully submit the following comments.

We encourage Rhode Island's Solar for All program to be modeled after [NYSERDA's Solar for All Program's](#) innovative approach to making solar energy accessible to low-income customers. The program offers a Community Distributed Generation (CDG) subscription model where subscriptions are either offered to low-income households at no cost or participants can pay a portion of their savings for additional benefits. This model showcases a customer-centric approach that addresses the financial constraints faced by many low-income households. By creating a framework where these customers can participate in CDG projects with little to no transaction costs, New York's Solar for All Program has demonstrated the potential to alleviate energy costs and create more inclusive access to clean energy.

We believe that Rhode Island could benefit greatly by emulating elements of New York's successful approach. Implementing a similar program could significantly enhance the state's efforts to promote renewable energy accessibility and affordability among low-income communities.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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