

ARKANSAS SOLAR POLICIES ARE WORKING: LET'S KEEP THEM WORKING AS INTENDED

Creating Jobs, Helping Families, Saving Money on Electric Bills

Dear Members of the 94th Arkansas General Assembly:

In 2019, in a big win for business and economic development, the state legislature passed The Solar Access Act (Act 464) that improved Arkansas's solar energy regulations and opportunities. **The vote was overwhelming: 83-5 in the House and 28-2 in the Senate.** Since then, the Solar Access Act has allowed thousands of Arkansas families, businesses, local governments, school districts, nonprofit organizations, and houses of worship to install solar energy and save on their electric bills. At the same time, ACT 464 has created hundreds of good-paying jobs across the Natural State, promoted hundreds of millions of dollars of investment across all 75 Arkansas Counties, and provided competition and consumer choice in electricity markets.

The Solar Access Act has been an unqualified success story. It is working exactly as intended, and is providing an excellent example of legislative leadership with real and positive impacts for Arkansans. Solar energy installations in every county of our state provide real savings for Arkansas businesses, farmers, families and local government entities. Landmark solar projects for cities like Clarksville, Fayetteville and Hot Springs, for school districts like Batesville and Greenbrier, and for water utilities like Central Arkansas Water provide electricity price stability, investment in our communities, and strong contributions to our local tax base all across the Natural State.

Arkansas's solar policies are now regarded as an economic development model for our region and nation. We commend the General Assembly for Act 464 and urge you to continue and protect these policies that are clearly working as intended.

We, the undersigned businesses, organizations, local governments, associations, and other entities urge the General Assembly to support Arkansas' bipartisan and successful solar energy policies. Keep the economic development going. Keep ACT 464 working for Arkansas.

THANK YOU.



Arkansas Electric Energy Consumers

