



Happy Earth Month, {{FirstName or 'Friend'}}!

Earth Month is a time for us to honor our beautiful planet and take stock of our individual actions. But I've found that one critical aspect often missing from Earth Month conversation is the collective. After all, we don't exist in isolation, and the actions we take as a society will touch each and every one of us.

At Vote Solar, people are at the center of everything we do — and especially those who continue to shoulder the heaviest burden of our toxic fossil fuel infrastructure. As we work to decarbonize our energy grid, it's essential that we also rebuild our structures of power and privilege, amplify marginalized voices in places where energy decisions are made, and clear the way for everyone to participate in a clean energy economy.

Read more about my [personal reflections](#) this Earth Month. Then, check out how we're advancing our vision of a resilient, sun-powered world that benefits all of us.

Thank you for being on this journey with us, during Earth Month and all year round!

Onward,

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Protecting rooftop solar from coast to coast

Despite major public outcry, Florida legislators passed a bill aimed at dismantling the Sunshine State's solar industry. We're disappointed, but [not backing down](#). Thousands of Floridians have called on Governor DeSantis to side with energy freedom by vetoing House Bill 741. [Join them now!](#)

Thousands of miles away, we're continuing to speak out against [anti-solar regulation](#) in California. As we eagerly await a revised solar net metering proposal from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), we're empowering Californians to [speak up for rooftop solar](#).

Securing a carbon-free future for the Carolinas

North Carolina law requires energy regulators to develop a plan for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 — and how we get there matters! Along with a coalition of clean energy and social justice organizations, we've outlined [12 principles](#) for a carbon plan that would make North Carolina a leader in emissions reduction and cultivate a modern, equitable, and fossil-free energy system. [Sign up to get involved](#) or [share your vision](#) for a fossil-free North Carolina.

Breaking down systemic barriers in New York and Colorado

The Empire State recently achieved a [major milestone](#) with one gigawatt of community solar deployed. While we applaud the state for this achievement, we know there's room for improvement when it comes to making the benefits of solar accessible to all. Our team and partners are calling on state energy regulators to make [much-needed investments](#) in New York's most historically underserved communities.

In Colorado, we're joining forces with environmental justice partners to maximize solar offerings for income-qualified Xcel Energy customers. We're looking forward to hosting informational virtual workshops on April 28 (English) and April 30 (Spanish). Stay tuned for details on how to register!

Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, April 12, join our partners at Michigan Environmental Council and Michigan United for a [virtual town hall](#) on the state of solar in Michigan.

April 15-22 is Solar Education Week, hosted by RE-volv. Check out the [website](#) for educational events or follow #solaredweek on social media to learn more about solar access and a just transition.

On June 20-22, we'll be at the [Midwest Solar Expo](#) in Minneapolis. Planning to attend? Come say "hi!"



On May 11-12, we're heading to Atlanta for [RE+ Southeast](#), the largest solar + storage event in the region.



At Vote Solar, we're on a mission to realize a 100% clean energy future through a solutions-driven, people-centered approach. Vote Solar is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations are tax-deductible. [Donate to Vote Solar](#).

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