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To: Members of the Kentucky Legislature
From: Family Businesses for Affordable Energy
Re: House Bill 227 – Net Metering

Dear Members of the Kentucky Legislature,

I write today in support of House Bill 227, legislation that will remove the burden of net-metering on non-solar customers and reduce the costs for grid maintenance for all electricity customers. The 14-year-old private solar incentives program known as “net metering” credits solar users at the full retail price for any excess power that’s sold back to the utility company. It is unfair for the majority of Kentucky small business owners who use traditional energy sources to power their businesses to foot the bill for the minority who enjoy lavish credit compensation rates. By receiving the retail rate for their electricity, these businesses evade the cost of infrastructure and electrical grid upkeep, saddling others with higher rates.

HB 227 eliminates the inequities in the current net metering system by compensating solar users who sell back excess power at the wholesale rate, just as any other energy producer would be compensated. Additionally, the bill is not retroactive, and spares existing private solar customers under the current net metering model. FBAE will continue to work to ensure that all businesses fairly share in the costs necessary to maintain the energy grid.

Family Businesses for Affordable Energy supports H.B. 227 because it alleviates the unfair financial burden cost shifting places on family businesses across Kentucky.

If you have any questions on the issue, contact me at Alex@FamilyBusinessesforAffordableEnergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Ayers", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Alex Ayers,
Executive Director
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