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**To:** Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives  
**From:** Family Businesses for Affordable Energy  
**Re:** House Bill 4421

Dear Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives,

I write today in opposition of House Bill 4421, legislation that will increase the burden of net-metering on non-solar customers and increase 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 is sold back to the utility company. By subsidizing solar users at full retail price, the cost of grid maintenance and expansion is shifted to non-solar users.

It is unfair for the majority of South Carolina small business owners who rely on traditional energy sources to power their businesses to subsidize small minority who enjoy generous credit compensation rates. The retail electricity rate charged by utilities includes the cost of maintaining and building the grid through investments in poles, wires, meters, and other infrastructure that ensure the longevity and reliability of the electric grid. By being credited with the full retail rate electricity, these sellers avoid paying for their share of grid maintenance and use.

House Bill 4421 would lift the cap on net metering, and mandate a retail rate of compensation. This would be a step in the wrong direction, and should be rejected by the South Carolina legislature.

**Family Businesses for Affordable Energy opposes H.B. 4421 as it perpetuates the unfair financial burden cost shifting places on family businesses across South Carolina.**

If you have any questions on the issue, contact me at [Alex@FamilyBusinessesforAffordableEnergy.com](mailto: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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