



# WANT MORE SOLAR IN THE SUNSHINE STATE?



## VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 1 IN NOVEMBER

Amendment 1 – on the November General Election ballot - is an effort by **big monopoly utilities** to choke-off rooftop solar and keep a stranglehold on customers by preventing them from generating their own power.

“**Let pro-solar energy consumers beware**” warned Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente about Amendment 1. She said the amendment is “masquerading” as a pro-solar energy initiative and labeled it a “**wolf in sheep’s clothing.**”

Amendment 1 is bankrolled by Florida's big power companies and groups with ties to the Koch Brothers. While the title, **Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice** sounds like a great thing for solar in Florida, let's be clear: Amendment 1 will not promote solar. In fact, it will do just the opposite.

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**Here's what you will see on the ballot in November:**

***Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice***

This amendment establishes a right under Florida's constitution for consumers to own or lease solar equipment installed on their property to generate electricity for their own use. State and local governments shall retain their abilities to protect consumer rights and public health, safety and welfare, and to ensure that consumers who do not choose to install solar are not required to subsidize the costs of backup power and electric grid access to those who do.

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**Here's why it's bad:** Amendment 1 provides **no new** right to have solar and places **permanent, critical restrictions on existing** solar rights:

- Amendment 1 provides no new rights, because Floridians already have the right to own or lease solar equipment on their property to generate electricity for their own use. The language of the amendment sounds appealing, but will not grant any new rights for Floridians.
- Amendment 1 will change the Florida Constitution to include a presumption that non-solar customers somehow “subsidize” solar customers – which is not supported by **any** empirical evidence. This presumption will give power companies Constitutional protections to punish you with charges if you install solar, under the deceptive guise of “protecting consumer rights.”
- Amendment 1 will be used by power companies to attack Florida's net metering rule which currently allows customers to get credit for generating solar power and sending their excess energy back to the grid. This policy is key to making the economics of solar work. Power companies don't like it because it allows Floridians to generate their own power and pay less on their electric bills.

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There are 9 million electricity customers in the “Sunshine State,” but less than 12,000 rooftop solar systems. **By comparison**, New Jersey has over 43,000 rooftop solar systems with less than half the population and less sun.

Florida can do better. We should truly promote rooftop solar, not allow investor owned utility monopolies to block it with more fees and regulations under the deceptive guise of “protecting consumer rights.” **Don't be fooled!**

## AMENDMENT 1 BLOCKS THE SUN

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