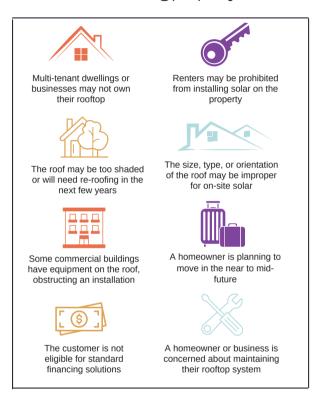
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# THE SOLUTION IS COMMUNITY SOLAR

#### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Rooftop solar can be inaccessible for some homes, businesses, renters or affordable housing property owners



#### WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Local community solar allows multiple participants to share the cost-savings benefits of a single solar installation



Community solar projects allow individuals to go solar even if they don't own their home or business, have old or shaded roofs, or face financial barriers to rooftop solar.

Community solar is a simple policy tool that provides every American, regardless of housing type or income level, the opportunity to choose local, reliable, and costeffective clean energy solutions.

### WHAT IS COMMUNITY SOLAR?



Community solar enables multiple customers to share the benefits of a single solar energy project. Whether it's installed on a roof or just around the corner, participating in a community solar project allows you to get credits on your electric utility bill for your portion of the power produced.

## Solar has strong bipartisan support. 69% of 93% of Biden Trump 2020 2020 voters voters Pennsylvanians want solar statewide and in their regions. 65% More More solar solar in for PA region January - February 2022 with Embold Research

# WHAT'S WORKING IN OTHER STATES

- Guaranteed bill savings for participants
- Focus on delivering benefits to lowincome communities
- Additive to existing renewable energy, low-income, and efficiency programs
- No upfront costs to participants

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## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY SOLAR?

- Make solar energy affordable, accessible, and practical.
- Leverage private investment to support local economic economic development.
  - Jobs and Economic Development Impact reports have shown that each megawatt of community solar capacity built generates approximately \$1.87 million of total economic impact during construction, operation and maintenance.
- Give individuals the freedom and choice to go solar.
- Provide participants tangible economic benefits and predictable energy bills.
- Help support energy independence by providing local and reliable clean energy supply.
- Opportunity for individuals at all income levels and all communities to access clean energy technology.
- Enable competition to create low-cost consumerdriven solutions.
- Promote energy democracy through equitable community solar solutions.

## WHERE ARE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECTS BEING BUILT?

Community solar is spreading across the country thanks in part to smart state policies.

As of September 2023, 22 states and the District of Columbia have legislatively enabled statewide community solar programs. In these states, legislators have understood the need to promote consumer choice, provide tangible economic benefits, and enable equitable access to the benefits of solar regardless of income level or housing type.

## CAN I SIGN UP FOR A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT?

As of early 2024, the Commonwealth has yet to pass legislation enabling community solar.

We and our allies across the state are calling on elected officials in Harrisburg to take action, supporting an equitable clean energy future for all Pennsylvanians.