You can help Delaware pass Clean Energy Legislation

• JOBS
Renewable energy is a growth industry that is creating good-paying jobs.

Delaware currently ranks 29th out of 50 states in solar jobs per capita and saw a 5.9% increase in solar jobs in 2019 with a total of 495 jobs. We can do even better though.

Maryland is way ahead of us, with 7.5% growth and over 4,854 solar jobs in 2019.

• HEALTH
According to a 2016 study, air pollution on average kills 41 Delawareans per year and sickens many more. Air pollution has also been shown to exacerbate respiratory conditions and illnesses. By transitioning to renewable energy we can reduce harmful air pollution and improve our health.

• ECONOMY
Increasing the RPS will provide financial incentives that allow Delaware residents and businesses to invest in solar. This will save them thousands of dollars over the life of the solar panels.

Fixing our state’s RPS to focus on renewable energy that maximizes economic benefits for Delaware will improve price stability, energy security and overall resilience in addition to creating local jobs.

Electricity from fossil fuels has a lot of costs that aren’t incorporated into our bills. These are often called “externalities”. A big one is the price we pay for health problems caused by pollution. Conversely, renewable energy has benefits that aren’t included in the price.

• LEADERSHIP
Delaware is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change—especially sea level rise—due to our location and low elevation. If we pass strong renewable energy policies here, Delaware will be a model for other states to bring down their climate pollution too.

In a 2019 DNREC survey, 77% of Delawareans are completely or mostly convinced that climate change is happening, and 70% say we should take immediate action to reduce its impact.

Please tell your state legislators that you support protecting and expanding our Renewable Energy Portfolio.

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