



*Surfrider Foundation
South Florida Chapter*

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Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
PL-05 The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Honorable Governor Crist,

Thank you for your efforts in support of renewable energy.

In a time of rising costs, it seems like common sense to diversify our energy portfolio and hedge against volatile fuel prices with renewable resources. Our environmental challenges, from climate change to clean air, will only be solved by emission free energy. Renewable energy offers the best long-term solution for strengthening our energy independence.

Florida's best renewable resource is solar energy. However, successfully developing a solar market takes attention to details and that is why we endorse the Florida Solar Initiative. This detailed plan proposes to accomplish a goal of supplying two percent (2%) of the State's energy from photovoltaics and another two percent (2%) from solar thermal. This program, built on successful models in other states, could result in 60,400 new jobs, emission reductions of 112 million tons of CO₂ and provide a self-sufficient solar industry that delivers emission-free electricity below retail utility prices with a less than one percent (1%) increase on utility bills. This is a goal we support and a price we are willing to pay.

The Florida Solar Initiative has the potential to provide Florida with a brighter energy future. We ask for your support of this initiative and thank you for your honest and responsible leadership.

Sincerely,

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