

# No plug-in solar bill in your state yet?

## Here's how to change that.

A simple playbook for bringing plug-in solar to your state. Every state that has passed a plug-in solar law began with no legislation and a handful of residents who decided to do something about it.

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### Check to see if there is a bill in your state

Before anything else, confirm where your state stands. Bright Saver tracks legislation in every state:

[brightsaver.org/is-plug-in-solar-legal](https://brightsaver.org/is-plug-in-solar-legal)

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### Email or call your own state rep

Not your member of Congress — your **state** representative (google “who is my state legislator”). A real constituent reaching out stands out more than you'd expect. Calling is even more effective than email: a staffer picks up, you say your piece in 60 seconds, and calls get tallied and reported to the legislator. If phone calls aren't your thing, email works too. Either way, here's an example script:

#### YOUR 60-SECOND SCRIPT

*“Hi, my name is [Name], and I'm a constituent from [Town]. I'm calling to ask Representative/Senator [Last Name] to support legislation allowing plug-in solar in our state. Plug-in solar systems are small, certified solar panels that plug into a standard outlet and can help people lower their electric bills. Ten states have already passed plug-in solar legislation, and dozens of others have introduced bills because it gives consumers more energy choices without costing the state anything. With electricity prices continuing to rise, I hope the Representative/Senator will support efforts to make plug-in solar available to residents like me.”*

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## Find some allies

You don't have to advocate alone. Look for organizations in your community that may be interested in supporting plug-in solar. National organizations with local chapters — such as **Third Act**, **Solar United Neighbors (SUN)**, and the **Sierra Club** — may already have volunteers working on plug-in solar issues. If you're looking for groups that emphasize free markets or consumer choice, organizations like the **Conservative Energy Network** (in the Southeast, **Conservatives for Clean Energy** plays a similar role) may also be of interest.

You can also search for local organizations using terms like:

[Your state] clean energy coalition

[Your city] climate action group

[Your state] solar association

[Your state] environmental council

[Your city] sustainability committee

[Your state] renters' rights organization

[Your state] affordable housing coalition

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## Keep showing up!

Legislation takes time. Many bills aren't introduced the first time someone reaches out to a legislator, and that's normal. A follow-up email, another phone call, or a few more constituents contacting the same office can make a real difference. Legislative offices notice when multiple people ask about the same issue over time. Each touch takes maybe 10 minutes.

The states that have this law today have it because someone who felt exactly like you do right now sent the first email... **and then sent the second one!**



### Ready to start?

Check your state's status today, then make one call. That's step one.

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