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Dear Supervisor,

As you well know, New York's solar power market is growing, creating jobs and clean power that is good for our environment and increases our energy security and resiliency.

One of the reasons solar power is growing so quickly is that it has become more affordable to homeowners. This is a result of lower solar-equipment costs, federal and state tax credits, and low-interest solar loans that homeowners can pay off on their electric bills. In addition, the availability of solar leases and power purchase agreements enable homeowners to install and use solar generated electricity without having to purchase the solar equipment.

My office has heard from many New Yorkers who are interested in solar but have little to no familiarity with how to evaluate solar company solicitations or enter into a contract. In response, we have created this pamphlet to help acquaint homeowners with the different types of solar contracts available and provide information on how to evaluate solar companies and their proposals. The pamphlet also provides an overview of important parts of solar contracts and the steps required before solar equipment can be installed on a home.

As with any long-term commitment, this pamphlet is intended to help New Yorkers make an informed decision if and when they choose to go solar. I hope you and your constituents will find it informative. If you have any questions or would like additional copies of this publication, please contact my Intergovernmental Affairs Department at (212) 416-6044 or visit <http://www.ag.ny.gov/intergov-affairs/publications>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric T. Schneiderman".

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