

The logo for Invenergy, with "Inv" in black and "energy" in green.The logo for nrg, with "nrg" in black and a colorful grid of squares above it.The logo for "wind on the wires", featuring a stylized green wind turbine and the text "wind on the wires™" with the tagline "Bringing Wind Power to Market" below it.The logo for MOSEIA, with "MOSEIA" in red and black, and a stylized sunburst graphic to the right. Below it is the text "Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association".The logo for SEIA, with "SEIA" in blue and yellow, and "Solar Energy Industries Association®" in blue text to the right.

Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, The Honorable Todd Richardson
President of the Senate, The Honorable Ron Richard

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Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

Our companies and industry representatives, which provide thousands of jobs in Missouri and across the United States, urge the Missouri General Assembly to consider the support and passage of H.B. 439. This is a free market solution that promotes economic growth, encourages private investments and allows for consumer choice in the renewable energy industry.

Currently, Missouri's policies are restrictive for companies trying to enter into Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with renewable energy providers. Creating more favorable policies towards energy choice will establish greater competition within the energy industry, as well as encourage more businesses to locate to Missouri. This will also grow the renewable energy sector in accordance with the requirements of the state's renewable energy standard and will bring clean energy jobs to Missouri, thus contributing to economic growth.

Many other states including Utah and Nevada have already adopted policies to promote PPA's in an effort to make their states more attractive to corporations. As a result of energy choice policies, these states have seen energy costs decrease and encouraged job growth. Missouri can expect the same results with the implementation of H.B. 439, the Energy Freedom Act, which will also allow Missouri to remain competitive not only with other states, but with the global economy.

Supporting this policy means supporting Missouri businesses, workers, and consumers. This is a non-partisan issue and an issue that stands with free market principles.

We thank you for your time and ask for your support in this matter.