



July 31, 2023

Diana Godines  
Contractors State License Board  
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RE: COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULEMAKING CONCERNING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Dear Ms. Godines,

We are writing in opposition to the Contractor State License Board (CSLB) proposal concerning home battery systems.

The CSLB does important work protecting consumers and maintaining contractor standards. Unfortunately, this proposal will harm rather than help consumers and will not serve to incentivize the imperative to transition off fossil fuels.

The proposal would put most solar users in an impossible situation. The regulations could force consumers to hire a different contractor than the one who did the original work to either add or service a battery in a residential system. In most cases, this will void the warranty of the system.

In addition, these rules would reduce the number of solar contractors available to install or service a solar battery. This would limit choices for consumers and drive up the cost of getting solar and/or a battery.

Now in our 54<sup>th</sup> year of advocacy for the healthy desert environment, MBCA strongly supports the creation of a distributed, renewably generated electrical system. The use of batteries in conjunction with rooftop solar will be integral to this effort. Every effort must be taken to adopt and encourage these 'virtual' power plants. Limiting the ability of qualified solar installers to add batteries would disincentive the adoption of rooftop solar.

Thank you for considering our view.

Sincerely,

Steve Bardwell, President

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