



## **The General Assembly Can Save Illinois Renewable Energy Jobs**

***Illinois' renewable energy program has hit a funding cliff that is forcing layoffs and will cause businesses to shut down.***

***Without a legislative fix, Illinois will lose thousands more jobs.***

The Illinois Power Agency (IPA) has approved new, money-saving solar projects in every legislative district. Illinois' solar and wind energy workforce grew to more than 14,000 women and men across the state. **But the lack of funding for the state's renewable energy program is forcing layoffs statewide.**

### ***The Renewable Energy Cliff:***

- In 2018 IPA stopped approving new utility-scale wind and solar projects
- In 2019 IPA stopped approving new community and commercial scale solar projects
- In December 2020, IPA stopped approving new residential solar projects
- Illinois' Solar industry lost an estimated 3,470 jobs in 2020 – more companies will be forced out of business if we don't fix renewable funding.

**The Path to 100 Act (HB2640 / SB1601) is a targeted fix for renewable energy policy that will immediately create new jobs, increase equity and save consumers money.**

### ***Path to 100 Act impacts:***

- Allows hundreds of shovel-ready, essential, COVID-safe projects to move forward immediately, providing jobs and economic stimulus Illinois needs now.
- Creates 53,000 new construction jobs, \$8.7 billion in increased economic output and \$2.8 billion in new property revenues
- Phases in increased clean energy funding while maintaining consumer protections.
- Fixes technical issues in Illinois' RPS program in order to improve program efficiency and bring overall renewable energy costs down across Illinois.
- Ensures that all Illinois families and businesses have equal access to renewable projects.
- Includes a concrete plan to expand workforce development through existing programs, require businesses to meet hiring and contractor diversity goals, and expand access to solar for low-income customers

***Illinois Jobs and Clean Energy are on the line.***

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