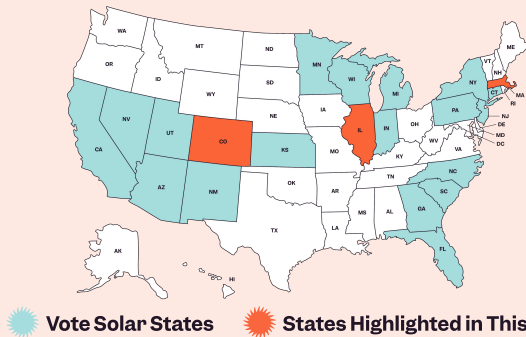


Q4 2025: Impact Report

Powering Clean Energy Progress Across the U.S.



VOTE SOLAR



National Overview



26 Legislative Campaigns Across 10 States



45 Regulatory Proceedings Across 18 States



57 Filings and Expert Testimonies Submitted



10 Workshops and Webinars with 136 Participants

① Colorado

In Colorado, Vote Solar is driving some of the most meaningful clean energy affordability gains in the country. By shaping settlement agreements, strengthening equity requirements, and influencing resource planning, we're ensuring the grid transitions in a way that is faster, fairer, and more cost-effective with policy models that can be replicated across the West. We recently secured major wins in the Renewable Energy plan settlement discussions including:

- 206 megawatts rolled into Inclusive Community Solar with 51% reserved for income-qualified customers, expanding access and lowering bills
- Front-loaded 2026 capacity, which ensures deployment moves quickly to capture remaining Investment Tax Credit benefits and includes higher income-qualified solar + battery incentives
- Improved equity and bill relief by pushing for over \$150 million in excess ratepayer funds to be reinvested in renewable projects & incentives and creating the state's Equity Working Group.

Final Statements of Positions were submitted in December to ask the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement, which we anticipate being approved in early 2026. Colorado is becoming the model for affordable, community-centered clean energy, and Vote Solar is helping to lead the way.

② Illinois

In October, Illinois lawmakers passed the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability (CRGA) Act, a landmark piece of energy legislation. CRGA, a key policy focus for Vote Solar this legislative session, will protect households from rising bills and propel the state towards achieving its renewable energy goals, positioning Illinois as a leader in clean, reliable, and affordable energy. CRGA contains significant enhancements to grid capacity and reliability, including the deployment of three gigawatts of battery storage by 2030, the authorization of Virtual Power Plants, and a "Storage for All" program that will reduce costs and improve efficiency for financially vulnerable households. Another win for renewable energy is the creation of a new Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to serve as a roadmap to an affordable energy future, ensuring the state plans effectively for future needs. The bill also secures an investment of approximately \$235 million per year for new clean energy by repurposing existing state funding.

Vote Solar was instrumental in [developing and advancing CRGA from its origins](#). After Illinoisans faced significant energy rate spikes in 2023, Vote Solar initiated the brainstorming sessions that became the foundation of the CRGA Act. We then gathered with partners in the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC) to begin drafting the legislation. Our team led meetings with state experts, legislators, energy utilities, and renewable energy companies to build consensus around a shared vision. Our team was a constant force, whether on the ground in Springfield, in coalition meetings, or on zoom calls. We worked to keep the focus where it

belonged: creating a clean, equitable, and affordable energy future for all Illinoisans. For Vote Solar, passing the bill is a big victory but it is far from the end of the policy process. Our expert regulatory team is now kicking into gear to ensure the CRGA Act is implemented effectively by state agencies.

③ Massachusetts

Massachusetts signaled ambitious goals for increasing clean energy generation in its 2021 Next Generation Roadmap law, but the transition needs to happen at a faster pace. Transmission and siting constraints, lengthy permitting processes, and insufficient grid capacity are among the key barriers in the Commonwealth despite an experienced industrial ecosystem, popular sentiment in favor of renewables, and high energy prices in the region. In 2025, Vote Solar moved forward with our plan to jumpstart stalled solar development in the Commonwealth. Vote Solar rallied a broad coalition of partners to draft and introduce three major bills - aimed at accelerating equitable distributed solar development, tackling permitting and interconnection barriers, establishing a regulatory framework for a decade of local solar deployment, and creating standards for investing in environmental justice communities.

Our advocacy efforts on these bills ramped up at the end of the year. In October, we testified on our bills before the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Then in November, we held a legislative briefing with partner organizations for the state's Clean Energy Caucus, making the case for solar deployment and its effects on ratepayers. Socializing the bill with the legislature and the Governor's office has coincided with the Governor releasing a comprehensive affordability policy package, and has set off an intense season of policy refinement and negotiation. Now, Vote Solar is poised to push our key policy goals over the finish line with legislators, pulling out the stops to organize the advocacy community, the public, and decisionmakers.

A&E Shoutout: Energy Justice Award nominees

Since 2017, Vote Solar has honored outstanding energy justice heroes with the Dr. Espanola Jackson Energy Justice Award. The award recognizes Black, Indigenous, and other leaders of color who exemplify environmental justice leadership and inspire us all to work toward a just clean energy transition. We hope to use this award to elevate the critically important role of community-based activism in driving environmental progress and to increase visibility for the remarkable work of individual leaders. The awardee will also receive a financial award that can be used personally or donated to a 501c3 organization of their choice. Our inspiring finalists this year include Chief Henry Red Cloud, Founder & Executive Director for Red Cloud Renewable; Tarshire Battle, Executive Director for Roots 2Empower; and Brionté McCorkle, Executive Director for the Georgia Conservation Voters. The 2025 winner, selected by a public vote, will be announced on January 14th, 2026.