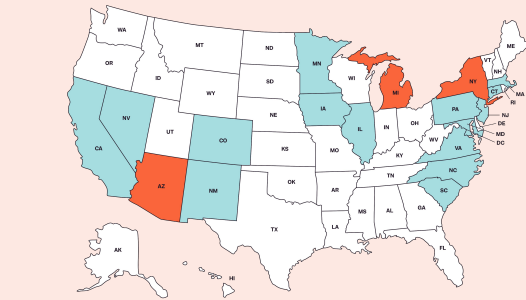


Q2 2026: Impact Report

Powering Clean Energy Progress Across the U.S.



VOTE SOLAR



 Vote Solar States  States Highlighted in This Report

National Overview



42 Legislative Campaigns
Across 15 States



48 Regulatory Proceedings
Across 17 States



67 Filings and Expert Testimonies Submitted



139 Media Hits

① Arizona

In a significant ruling issued in June, the Arizona Court of Appeals vacated the Arizona Corporation Commission's decision that had authorized Arizona Public Service (APS) to impose a special monthly surcharge on residential customers with rooftop solar. The court's decision marks a major victory for Vote Solar, who joined the Arizona Attorney General's Office and other solar advocacy groups in challenging the fee. The court found that the surcharge was adopted without adequate notice to the public, as it had not been explicitly proposed by APS in its 2022 rate case application, meaning that affected solar customers and advocacy groups were not properly informed that such a charge was under consideration. The court also ruled that the Commission had incorrectly shifted the burden of proof onto solar advocates to disprove the necessity of the charge, rather than requiring the utility to prove the charge's validity, and that APS had never provided evidence to justify the unique fee.

In addition, for the first time in Arizona history, a clean energy majority has been elected to the Board of the Salt River Project (SRP), one of the state's largest utilities. Unlike most utilities in Arizona, SRP is not regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission, but instead is governed through its own election system. SRP Board members vote on rate changes, capital investments, and other key decisions that determine how costs are shared across customers and how the grid evolves as Arizona grows. Vote Solar played a big role in raising awareness and engaging the community to help secure this historic win, helping drive voter turnout that quadrupled from its levels in the most recent election two years prior. The election served as a great opportunity for Arizonans to learn more about their energy choices and demonstrate the social license for the transition to clean, renewable energy.

Furthermore, Governor Katie Hobbs' Arizona Energy Promise Taskforce (AEPT) presented a vision for the future of affordable and reliable energy in the state, calling for accelerated deployment of new energy resources, including distributed solar and virtual power plants. The report includes recommendations provided by stakeholder organizations, including Vote Solar, that position the state as a leader in advancing clean energy solutions to address growing energy demand and rising energy costs. By highlighting the role of DERs, the Taskforce report offers solutions to meet growing energy needs while helping families lower their energy bills and strengthening the grid.

② Michigan

In June, decision-makers in Michigan introduced the ACCESS to Solar bill, a progressive energy bill that would create a statewide community solar program focused on solar savings for families. The bill proposes a new program that allows Michiganders to subscribe to a shared solar project, adding credits to their utility bills based on their share of the solar energy produced. The program would guarantee savings of at least 10% for most customers and at least 20% for qualified low-income households. In addition, utilities would be prohibited from adding fees that would reduce these savings.

Vote Solar was instrumental in the development of the bill, helping to craft the policy, working with the sponsor, and organizing a press conference and lobby day. The ACCESS to Solar bill, with support from key decision-makers, should serve as a touchstone for future policies to help expand access to solar and lower energy bills for communities across Michigan. We are hopeful that it will help shape the community solar conversation throughout the remainder of this year's legislative session and tee up a big legislative win after the midterms.

③ New York

In a massive victory, the State Senate has officially passed the Accelerate Solar for Affordable Power (ASAP) Act, which establishes a new goal of 20 gigawatts of distributed solar by 2035 and mandates critical interconnection reforms. We are also celebrating the passage of the SUNNY Act, our coalition's plug-in solar authorization bill, which passed the Senate unanimously, cleared the Assembly, and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. Additionally, our push for the Automated Permitting Act has secured a partial win by successfully obtaining implementation funding within one of the house budgets.

New York lawmakers finalized the state's budget in May, which contained a mixed bag for solar. The new budget includes elements of key energy bills, but it misses the mark on critical clean energy progress the state needs. The final budget will bolster distributed solar with key interconnection and cost transparency reforms, and will support NY-Sun, the state's low-income solar program. Unfortunately, lawmakers also decided to undermine the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the state's landmark climate law, significantly damaging the state's near-term imperative to decarbonize. Vote Solar will continue working with key decision-makers in New York to advocate for solutions that prioritize community solar.

Quick Hits

Protecting local solar in Virginia. This spring, the Virginia State Corporation Commission rejected a proposal from Dominion Energy that would have slashed the value of rooftop solar by approximately 70% and endangered affordability for households across the Commonwealth. Instead, the Commission chose to protect customers, communities, and the grid by largely preserving the existing policy structure for rooftop solar. The Commission's ruling affirmed that supportive rooftop solar policy is cost-beneficial, both for the grid and the state as a whole.

Advancing plug-in solar in Colorado. Colorado lawmakers passed HB26-1007, the state's first plug-in solar bill, in May. The landmark legislation eliminates barriers to plug-in solar, making it easier for more households—even those without rooftop access—to adopt affordable solar systems and reduce their energy bills. Vote Solar worked closely with legislators and advocates to advance the bill, which passed with bipartisan support.