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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 178 which will temporarily exempt residential buildings from California's rooftop solar requirement when homeowners rebuild in areas damaged by a disaster and that were declared to be in a state of emergency.

Many of our communities in California that have been devastated by catastrophic wildfires and floods, particularly the people of Paradise, are desperate to get their lives back on track and to rebuild their homes. AB 178 should hasten that effort by temporarily suspending the new building requirement to include solar on new home building.

I support the efforts to rebuild our communities as expediently as possible. However, I encourage all Californians—including those who are rebuilding in these communities—to strongly consider incorporating solar. Homes built with solar are more resilient to power outages, have increased value, save the homeowner more than \$15,000 in energy costs over 30 years, and combat climate change by contributing to California's clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom