

“As we look for ways to tackle the climate crisis and jumpstart our economy, community solar is one of the most important tools we have to expand the cost-saving benefits of solar to all Americans,” **said Abigail Ross Hopper, president and CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)**. “We commend Senator Luján for his hard work to make sure Americans in every community have the opportunity to be a part of our clean energy transformation.”

“The Community Solar Programs Act will give states greater flexibility and choice to cut through the red tape preventing them from establishing competitive community solar programs,” **said Jeff Cramer, executive director of Coalition for Community Solar Access, the national trade association representing the community solar industry**. “This legislation can help states more easily bring the benefits of community solar to their constituents – including disadvantaged communities – and jump-start the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs and hundreds of billions of dollars of private investment in our electricity grid. We look forward to working with Senator Luján and the entire Energy and Natural Resources Committee to get this important piece of legislation passed so we can create an electricity system that lowers costs, is more resilient, and is equitable for all Americans.”

“We must empower everyone to help combat climate change and invest in their local economy. Community solar is a critical policy that allows everyone, including renters, to access clean, cost-saving and job-creating solar power,” **said Odette Mucha, Federal Liaison for Vote Solar**. “We've seen broad support and enthusiasm for community solar as a tool for economic development and Tribal sovereignty in New Mexico. We're thrilled that Senator Luján is now taking action to expand access to the economic and environmental benefits of community solar nationwide.”