Dear Local Official,

We wanted to make sure that you are aware of a new law affecting permit fees for solar installations.

Please be advised that the Fair Permit Act, SB17-179 was signed into law on April 24, 2017. The law states that counties and municipalities “shall not charge permit, plan review, or ANY other RELATED OR ASSOCIATED fees to install an active solar electric or solar thermal device or system that, in aggregate, exceed the lesser of the municipality's actual costs in issuing the permit or five hundred dollars for a residential application or one thousand dollars for a nonresidential application...”

If your jurisdiction charges more than $500 for residential or $1000 for commercial permits, including associated fees, you are in violation of the law. We kindly request that you review your fee structures for solar permits and revise if necessary.

We are proud of the role our industry plays in spurring economic development across Colorado and believe that this law fairly balances the needs of local governments to recoup their costs and our goal of making solar as affordable as possible for Coloradans. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please send any questions to info@coseia.org.

Thank you,

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