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## **GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic Salutes District of Columbia on Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Expansion**

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.; December 18, 2018** – Today, the District of Columbia Council passed the [Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018](#), which doubles the strength of the current renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by requiring that 100% of the District's energy come from clean, renewable sources by 2032. The RPS specifically requires at least 10% of electricity sales in the District to come from solar by 2041. Among other provisions, it increases funds to assist income-qualified residents and affordable housing providers with energy improvements, promotes energy-related workforce development initiatives, and launches new building energy performance standards.

The following statement is from [Nicole Steele](#), executive director of GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic:

"With the impacts of climate change and economic advantages of solar both increasingly clear, GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic is working to build good solar policy in this region. We need to see more cities and states across the U.S. moving full speed ahead to require 100 percent of their energy come from renewable sources like solar. The Clean Energy DC legislation that passed unanimously today benefits all members of our community: making D.C. a greener and healthier place to live, creating job opportunities in the growing solar industry, and lowering electricity costs for families who most need it."

"We need more programs like [Solar Works DC](#), a product of the District's [Solar for All](#) (SFA) law, which enables GRID to bring both solar energy to income qualified residents and job training opportunities in this rapidly growing industry. This program not only helps D.C. reach this new 100% renewable energy goal but also save residents on their energy bill each month. Above all, SFA and the new RPS keep D.C.'s solar industry local, creating well-paid career pathways for its residents. We will continue to work closely not only with the city of D.C., but with other state agencies, and other partners to support renewable energy in a way that's inclusive to all residents, especially the low- and moderate-income communities we serve."

### **About GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic**

GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic is an affiliate of GRID Alternatives, America's largest nonprofit solar installer, bringing clean energy technology and job training to underserved communities. GRID Mid-Atlantic has installed 213 solar electric systems for low-income households to-date, with a combined installed capacity of 1,853 kW, saving \$4.7 million in lifetime electricity costs and preventing 43,076 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. 785 people have also received training through the program. For more information, visit [www.gridalternatives.org/midatlantic](http://www.gridalternatives.org/midatlantic).

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