

Solar markets need boost from Congress

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I appreciated Jesse Grossman's Nov. 6 oped on climate change "[Solar hopes will shine regardless of election outcome](#)" because it was so optimistic about solar electricity. Solar is thriving due to dropping prices. Or as Grossman said, after 191 nations voted last year in Paris to limit warming, their "decision sent the mother of all market signals to investors that renewables will keep experiencing massive global growth." That's great!

Paris was 191 wonderful, important, valuable promises to limit warming. Yet Paris didn't actually institute a real market signal that investors can take to the bank. America must convert houses and buildings to clean heating systems, without using more natural gas. We must clean up our transportation sector. These won't be simple, cheap transformations, and we'll need real market signals to drive these changes.

For real market signals to powerfully sway investors, building and vehicle owners, there must be actual, long term, economy-wide, effective policies put into action that will noticeably and reliably impact energy prices. Paris didn't do it. EPA regulations held up in court won't do it either.

Congress has to do it, and it won't do it until constituents call them up and say "Just Do It!" Contact Citizens' Climate Lobby for more information.

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