

**Florida Renewable Energy Association
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A Message from the President

There's Strength in Numbers

FREA has been visiting elected officials to brainstorm about passing legislation to establish a Clean Energy Trust (i.e., a Public Benefit Fund) for Florida as a stable source of funds to enable the fight against global climate change.

We have found in general the tone is that in these lean times, about the only way we're likely to be successful in establishing the Trust would be by demonstrating support for it by the citizens of Florida.

Once again, this tells us loud and clear that the Florida Renewable Energy Association must grow its membership. If you have a lot of members, you have clout, and if you don't, you don't. That's all there is to it.

FREA is the Florida Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society. FREA is in a good position to vocalize the support of Florida's people for renewable energy of all sorts and in particular solar energy, which is something everyone in Florida can identify with. FREA is in a good position to rally everyone in the state who supports clean energy and to translate this support into action. And FREA also is situated such that it can build an alliance with other like-minded organizations to generate even more power of persuasion.

So if you are not yet a member of FREA, please join us. If you are already a member, please go out and get your friends to join, too. We're making it easy by discounting the annual membership dues by 20% for the next 4 months during our focused membership drive.

We believe we have a shot at this legislation, if we can demonstrate widespread support for it. It's a big job to do, and it will be a lot easier with a big, supportive membership.

So once again, please talk with your friends about FREA and renewable energy and request that they, too, come on board. Anyone can just go to the website and become a member, anytime. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

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