[Insert Date]

[Insert Addressee’s Name]

[Insert Addressee’s Street Address]

[Insert Addressee’ City, State, and Zip]

Dear [Insert Addressee’s Name]:

As a Texan of faith, I believe all resources are gifts from God, and we are entrusted with stewardship of these resources for the benefit of all God’s creation and people. That’s why I am a strong supporter of renewable energy.

Renewable energy harnesses the gifts of wind and solar for the benefit of human flourishing. Renewables increase our community’s resiliency in times of natural disasters. Renewable energy also has the potential to help low-income communities manage their energy costs and free up resources to meet other basic needs.

Texas already is a leader in wind energy production. Like other Texans of faith, I am proud of what Texas has achieved in renewable energy…and I think we should challenge ourselves to go farther.

Texas receives more solar radiation than any other state and has great solar potential. At the Texas Solar Forum (http://txipl.org/texassolarforum) exactly a decade ago, Texas legislative, regulatory, and industry leaders charted a course for ramping up solar power in Texas. While we have taken significant steps to increase solar production in the past ten years, there is more progress to be made.

Hurricane Harvey has focused attention in Texas on infrastructure planning and community resilience. Part of our response should be to strengthen our energy infrastructure by living into Texas’ potential for solar energy production.

Texas faith communities are committed to working constructively with policymakers and regulators to remove obstacles to widespread installation of solar power, including on houses of worship. I hope you will join us in working to advance Texas as a leader in both wind and solar energy production.

[Optional: Add a paragraph telling a story of your experience with or interest in solar.]

Sincerely,

[Sign Name]

[Print Name]

[Your Street Address]

[Your City, State, and Zip]