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It was the intent of the voters in 1980 to create an incentive for individuals and businesses to purchase and install active solar energy systems. It continues to be the intent of the Federal, State, governor and local governments to provide an incentive for people and companies to purchase solar power systems. The law and all advertisements from solar companies will tell you that your property taxes will not go up as a result of the purchase and installation of an active solar energy system. According to Section 51 however, if your property is in a Decline in Value status, each year after the initial installation your **property taxes will go up as a direct result of the installation of an active solar energy system.**

This is in conflict with the intent of the legislation (Section 73), the intent of the voters of the proposition (Prop 7), and in conflict with what any solar company will advertise to perspective customers when they tell you that your property taxes will not go up upon purchasing and installing solar. I believe, without question, the vast majority of home owners in California are in a "Decline in Value" appraisal mode and thus, like what happened to me, will have their **property taxes increased as a result of the installation of solar.**

I understand the language and the meaning of Section 51 so I don't need it explained any further. It's just wrong to publicize and promote the exclusion when in reality it just won't apply to most people and in fact probably detracts from the motivation of many to purchase an active solar system.

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