



TESTIMONY FOR HB1250
Maryland Solar Investment Tax Credit and Task Force to Study Solar Energy Incentives

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Feldmark

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1250 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

Solar panels are expensive, but well worth the initial investment. This bill will help owners install solar by offering a tax credit of 15% of the installed costs. If the solar is installed on a rooftop or parking canopy, an additional 10% credit will be available.

Our members love the investment in clean, renewable energy. But even more than that, the tax credits only apply if the taxpayer can show that any companies they used to install the solar had a project labor agreement, paid each trade the prevailing wage rate, participated in an apprenticeship program, offered health care and pension benefits, and offered employment Maryland residents, including women, minorities and veterans.

Now, that is how you ensure that labor concerns are front and center of environmental projects!

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.