



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

Testimony before

House Ways and Means Committee

March 9, 2022

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Madame Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the committee, my name is Richard Deutschmann, and I represent the 750+ members of Indivisible Howard County. We are providing written testimony today in **support of HB1250 with Amendments**, to provide a tax credit for solar energy projects that utilize prevailing wage labor. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We appreciate the leadership of Delegate Feldmark for sponsoring this important legislation.

This bill provides a tax credit for solar energy projects that lift up workers with prevailing wages and other benefits. We are broadly in favor of legislation to help working class people with living wages that support families to participate fully in community, helping them to buy homes, have good healthcare for their families, and to save for college and retirement. However we are also aware that the solar industry is not as robust here in Maryland as it is in other states, slowing our green energy economy at a time when it is needed most to combat climate change. For this reason, we support the amendments as proposed by the Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association. These would provide some needed nuance to both help working families, while moving forward boldly on green energy buildout in the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

We respectfully urge a favorable with amendments committee report.

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