



February 21, 2023

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair and Members of the Economic Matters Committee
Maryland State House
100 State Cir
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: *SUPPORT for Community Solar Legislation – House Bill No. 0908 by
Delegates Clippinger, Amprey, Boafu, Charkoudian, Cullison, Ebersole, Feldmark, Fe
nnell, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Kaufman, Kerr, R. Lewis, J.
Long, Lopez, Pasteur, Qi, Queen, Ruth, Shetty, Smith, Stewart, Terrasa, Valderrama,
Vogel, Watson, and Woods***

To Chair Wilson and Honorable Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Joe Rosenberg, and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 0908 on behalf of TurningPoint Energy (TPE), one of the leading community solar developers in Maryland. Formed in 2014, TPE has developed projects in the Community Solar Pilot Program since 2016 and has over 52 MWdc in construction or operation and another 50 MWdc of projects in various stages of development. Maryland has been a core focus for TPE over the years, and we hope to continue developing projects for years to come.

This bill will allow community solar to flourish in Maryland, and more importantly will support low-income communities who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the hyperinflationary economic environment we are in today. One important aspect of the legislation is that at least 40% of a project's output must be subscribed by low-to-moderate income subscribers, allowing for bill savings for households who need it most. Without this bill the Community Solar Pilot Program is set to sunset, which will prevent new participants from enrolling in community solar at a time when Maryland should be doubling down with a focus on low-income communities. This bill will allow for more residents, businesses, and non-profits to save money on their electric bill, provide economic investment where these projects are located through development and construction jobs, and generate new revenue to counties through property tax assessments.

As Maryland continues to move forward toward its clean energy goals, we believe that this legislation is a critical step in that it will allow for even more Marylanders – whether renter or owner, whether of affluent or modest means – to participate in the clean energy future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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