



February 20, 2023

Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: CHESSA Letter of Support of SB 143

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee:

The Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association (CHESSA) appreciates the opportunity to recommend a favorable report of SB 143. CHESSA is a member organization that represents over 120 companies engaged in all facets of the solar and battery storage industry throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Net metering policy is an essential pillar of Maryland's solar energy goals. While Maryland's net metering policy is already strong, growth of the rooftop solar market has experienced anemic growth for the past five years. SB 143 represents an incremental, yet important, improvement to provide Maryland residents with additional flexibility in how they receive credit for any clean, local generation that exceeds their electricity needs in any given month. While CHESSA supports these incremental improvements, we do so with the full understanding that this bill is about improving the customer experience of rooftop solar and will not, standing alone, appreciably accelerate the rate of adoption of rooftop solar in Maryland. CHESSA looks forward to working with all stakeholders and this Committee to make serious strides toward closing the current deficiency in solar deployment.

Indeed, any improvement to net metering is a welcome step and will complement a number of other bills to be heard before this committee as this session progresses. CHESSA deeply appreciates Chair Feldman's leadership on clean energy issues and asks the Committee for a favorable report of SB 143.

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