

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB613 Electricity – Community Solar  
Energy Generating Systems Program**

Dear Chairman Feldman and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee,

The Eastern Shore of Maryland will be impacted by sea level rise before most of the rest of Maryland and it is essential for Maryland to do everything possible to reduce greenhouse gas emissions which cause global warming that will contribute significantly to sea level rise.

The Community Solar pilot program has been very successful since it began in 2015 and this bill makes the program permanent. Community Solar reduces greenhouse gas emissions and also provides these additional benefits to Maryland:

- 1- It improves the security of the electric grid through increased diversity of the locations of the power generating systems.
- 2- It provides opportunity for local land-owners, farmers, and business owners to become solar power suppliers.
- 3- It will increase the capacity of the electric grid to support the increased load from electric vehicles, heat pumps, induction stoves and cooktops, heat pump HWHs, and heat pump clothes dryers which the Federal Government is incentivizing people to purchase through tax rebates.

My waterfront home is located on the coastal bays of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. My home's existence and value are threatened by rising sea levels. Your passage of this bill will help protect me and my family from future harm.

Respectfully,

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