



Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment
Testimony on: SB0143 Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Accrual of Net Excess Generation (Net Metering Flexibility Act)
Organization: Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing
Submitting: Laurie McGilvray, Co-Chair
Position: Favorable
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Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on SB143.

SB143 will allow a customer who generates electricity under the State’s net metering law to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period, instead of only for a 12-month period. Any accrued excess generation is forfeited when the customer closes an account. In addition, the existing 12-month period for accruing net excess generation is changed from April to the end of August.

Net energy metering is the difference between the electricity supplied by an electric company and the electricity generated by customer and fed back to the grid over a billing period. Eligible energy sources for net metering are solar, wind, biomass, micro combined heat and power, fuel cell, and certain types of hydroelectric. SB143 will help customers, especially with rooftop solar, take advantage of excess generation during the better months of the year and apply the excess credits to an indefinite period of time rather than only over 12 months.

SB143 is intended to incentivize renewable energy installation through more advantageous use of net metering by the customer.

For these reasons, we urge a FAVORABLE report for SB143.