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RE: Senate Bill 0143 Electricity – Net Energy Metering- Accrual of Net Excess Generation  
Net Metering Flexibility Act

**Favorable with Amendments**

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

The Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA) provides this written testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 0143. CCSA's position on this legislation is Favorable with Amendment, as outlined below and attached.

CCSA is a national, business-led trade organization, composed of over 100 member companies, that works to expand access to clean, local, affordable energy nationwide through the development of robust community solar programs. Today, the majority of households and businesses do not have access to solar because they rent, live in multitenant buildings, have roofs that are unable to host a solar system, are shaded by trees, or experience some other mitigating factor. Community solar provides a solution to this gap by allowing local solar facilities to be shared by multiple community subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced.

CCSA has been an active participant in the development and implementation of Maryland's community solar pilot program. Community solar is in high demand in Maryland, as demonstrated over the first six years of the pilot program which has resulted in over four hundred megawatts of reserved capacity that is either under development or in operation.

Senator Feldman's SB 0143 would: (1) authorize an eligible customer-generator to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period; (2) require an eligible customer-generator that elects to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period to forfeit any net excess generation at the time an account is closed; and (3) alter the month used to establish an annual billing cycle for the payment of net excess generation accrued. CCSA seeks two amendments to clarify that the changes to the accrual of net excess generation implemented by SB 0143 also apply to the subscribers to community solar energy generating systems, with indefinite rollover of credits the default option. See the attached amendments for the bill.

With these amendments, CCSA supports the passage of SB 0143. We look forward to working with Chair Feldman, members of the committee, and all interested parties to achieve this technical fix in a manner that includes all solar segments who are active in achieving the state's clean energy goals.

Sincerely,  
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**Coalition for Community Solar Access  
Proposed Amendment to SB 0143**

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, after line 21, insert the following: “SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall also apply to subscribers to community solar energy generating systems authorized under Public Utilities Article § 7-306.2, except that each subscriber shall by default accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period under Public Utilities Article § 7-306(f)(5)(i)2 unless the subscriber elects to accrue net excess generation for a period not to exceed 12 months under Public Utilities Article § 7-306(f)(5)(i)1.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 22, strike “2” and substitute “3”.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the changes to the accrual of net excess generation implemented by SB143 also apply to the subscribers to community solar energy generating systems, with indefinite rollover of credits the default option.