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HB639: Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems - Alteration

Bill Hearing: February 24th, 2022 at 1:00pm, Environment and Transportation / Economic Matters

Chairman Kumar Barve and Vice Chair Dana Stein and esteemed members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Solar energy is one of the cleanest forms of receiving and using energy for daily use compared to fossil fuels. Once set up, solar panels pay for themselves and have been well documented in the amount of money it can save for the average citizen, but they can also provide a power source when the main grid fails for whatever reason. Solar energy can also be sent back into the grid for others to use and credit the owner of the collector system. In other words, it provides benefits for both the owner and the overall community.

We must ensure that other forms of energy are not being hindered during these times of a global energy crisis. This bill will protect solar projects from obstacles that prevent them from collecting as much energy as possible to support our every growing energy demand. It will also make sure that any rules that are being applied to a solar collector system are not unreasonable and manageable.

As our country moves forwards towards renewable energy, we as Maryland need to take the lead and begin to adjust as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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I urge you to vote favorably on HB0639.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie M. Smith".

Delegate Stephanie M. Smith