

SB235: School Buildings - Solar Technology - Solar Panels on Schools

Senate Budget and Taxation

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Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee,

As Maryland strives towards clean energy goals, solar siting is a critical facet that needs to be addressed. School buildings are a ripe opportunity for low-conflict solar siting - they are public buildings with large footprints.

Solar on rooftops, especially large rooftops, is a win-win: it produces energy on an area of land while other activities take place in the building below. This bill also targets the most cost-effective time to ensure that buildings are compatible with large-scale solar power, by requiring it during construction.

For these reasons we urge a favorable report.

Thank you,

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