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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0169 - FAVORABLE**

**Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund**

**TO:** Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0169, Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund.**

As our world continues to heat, 2023 being the hottest year on record, actions taken that assist our nonprofit and community organizations to plan, purchase and install qualifying energy systems at their locations can help mitigate the climate disaster outdated and dangerous systems create in our environment.

My Jewish faith teaches me the consequences of our inaction to follow the commandment of Genesis 1:28 to “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth... Those consequences are clearly delineated in Isaiah 24:5-6

5 The land lies defiled under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the teachings, changed the law and broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore a curse is devouring the land, and its inhabitants are punished for their guilt. It is why those living there waste away, and the people left are few.

Many of the non-profits in Frederick County and throughout the state are in areas in which climate equity has been neglected. Businesses and utilities have deliberately had sites created which exacerbate environmental problems. This bill is an attempt to assist non-profits in becoming models for solutions to long standing environmental harm to the communities being served. The cost of inaction to solve these problems cannot be overstated.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0169.**