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SB 120 Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems Alteration
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Sunrun submits this testimony in support of SB 120 which clarifies and provides certain standards for establishing whether a restriction or condition on the installation of a rooftop solar energy system is unreasonable. Under current law, there is a question of fact as to when a restriction or condition on the installation of rooftop solar on real property is unreasonable because it either "(i) significantly increases the cost of the solar collector system" or "(ii) significantly decreases the efficiency of the solar collector system." Determining what constitutes an unreasonable restriction involves subjective judgment as to what is a "significant" cost increase or decrease in efficiency. Such ambiguity and subjectivity is an invitation to litigation, a cost that would make any residential solar installation uneconomic.

This bill represents a meaningful step forward for all parties that will significantly narrow the scope of future disputes and help accelerate the deployment of customer-sited solar resources in Maryland.

Sunrun respectfully requests a favorable report for SB120.

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