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GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRWOMAN KAISER, VICE CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON AND DISTINGUISHED MEMMMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

MY NAME IS JOHN OLSZEWSKI SR. AND I REPRESENT SUMMIT RIDGE ENERGY.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF HB 1106

IMAGINE TRAVELING AROUND THE STATE IN YOUR CAR AND OBSERVING WHAT YOU SEE.

1. OPEN FIELDS --- WITH SOLAR PANELS
2. FARM & AGRICULTURE LAND – WITH SOLAR PANELS
3. BROWNFIELDS – WITH SOLAR PANELS
4. RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES – WITH SOLAR PANELS
5. COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS – HARDLY ANY SOLAR PANELS & WHY IS THAT

WELL LET'S JUST SAY IT'S COST PROHIBITIVE TO INSTALL THEM ON COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE LOOKING TO REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT ON OUR PLANET AND INCREASE RENEWABLE ENERGY, WE THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO INCENTIVIZE THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON COMMERCIAL BUILDING ROOFTOPS BY EXEMPTING THE PANELS FROM PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES. JUST IMAGINE, IT COULD HELP REDUCE THE NEED TO INSTALL PANELS ON PRECIOUS AGRICULTURE LAND AND AT THE SAME TIME GENERATE MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY THAT WILL HELP THE STATE MEET ITS RENEWABLE ENERGY OBJECTIVE GOALS BY 2030. THE COST SAVINGS BEING GENERATED FOR THE BUSINESS OWNERS COULD ALLOW THEM TO CREATE MORE JOBS, PRODUCING MORE TAXES. WE AREN'T INSTALLING THEM NOW SO HOW CAN THERE BE A HUGE COST. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THANK YOU FOR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION WE'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM.