



Committee: Finance Committee
Testimony on: SB0407 - Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Limit
Organization: Climate Justice Wing of the Maryland Legislative Coalition
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Position: Favorable
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of SB0407. The Maryland Legislative Coalition’s Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on SB0407. The bill will increase to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer–generators in Maryland.

Net metering allows consumers with solar panels to receive credits on their utility bill for every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity they generate. Net metering has been a critical policy for incentivizing solar energy because it provides a simple, direct way for homeowners, businesses, and other organizations to save money. Currently, there is no federally-mandated net metering policy. Maryland needs to continue its support for more solar installation and net metering provides a powerful incentive. As more solar comes online, the Public Utilities Commission requirements must keep pace. For these reasons we urge a favorable vote for SB0407.