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**Written Testimony from
Bill Green
Senate Bill 53
Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement**

Position: Support

Dear Chairman Kelley and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Bill Green, Mayor of Williamsport, and I would like to offer support in favor of Senate Bill 53 on behalf of the Town of Williamsport and our citizens.

The Town of Williamsport owns and operates its municipal electric utility in order to provide reliable public power to its community. The Town makes every effort to keep costs of electricity as affordable as possible to its citizens. One attribute of the wholesale energy purchased by Williamsport is that a segment is sourced from renewable resources. Williamsport currently provides power to fewer than 1,000 households making it by far the smallest electric utility in not only the state, but much of the country as well.

As a consequence of our community being small, Williamsport cannot compete with the large Investor Owned Utilities in the state when it comes to procuring renewable power. Under the current market conditions for acquiring energy produced by sustainable resources, Investor Owned Utilities can leverage their immense purchasing power to reap the benefits of their significant economies of scale. Senate Bill 53 seeks to lessen this disadvantage in renewable energy pricing by implementing market policies to promote transparency and equitable procurement of Clean Energy Attribute Credits for all.

Therefore, Williamsport supports Senate Bill 53 and encourages a favorable report.

Sincerely,