



SB683: Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations (RENO)  
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**FAVORABLE**

Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc., is a Maryland-based nonprofit whose mission is to support and empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to achieve the quality of life to which they aspire. JFGH supports more than 200 people with IDD across Montgomery County, Maryland, and in Northern Virginia, striving to build community where people with IDD share the same options and opportunities for a well-lived life as all other members of the community.

Sen Cheryl Kagan's Senate Bill 683 creates a fund to provide interest-free loans for nonprofits to "go green." By installing solar or geothermal energy made affordable and accessible through SB683 in some or all the 23 Maryland single family homes and townhomes, JFGH and the community it supports could make a significant difference in our climate crisis, while being a model for fellow nonprofits and our neighbors in each of our dozens of communities.

We believe SB683 is a strategic, community investment in clean energy to which people with IDD, their families and all of JFGH's stakeholders benefit immeasurably. As a nonprofit citizen, JFGH is committed to doing its part in addressing the climate crisis—we are ready to do our part to reduce our carbon footprint. Catalytic investment by the State of Maryland to this end is a tipping point.

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