



February 7, 2022

Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
Honorable Brian M. Crosby, Vice Chair
Room 231 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SUBJECT: HB 440

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby, Committee Members, and Delegates:

Please consider this written testimony in support of community solar legislation that would increase system size limits from 2MW to 5MW in Maryland.

The primary purpose of community solar, which was passed into law in 2015 by the General Assembly, is to allow members of a community the opportunity to share the benefits of solar power even if they cannot install solar panels on their property. They can join together and buy power from clean energy and reduce their energy prices.

I believe community solar programs are vital to the long term environmental and economic growth in the state. In addition to generating needed tax revenue for Maryland we can also be at the forefront of sustainable green energy producing projects.

Thank you in advance for considering this important proposal to continue Maryland's path towards a renewable energy future.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey H. Estep'.

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