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Maryland House of Delegates
House Economic Matters Committee
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 440 - Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Generating Capacity

Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

Thank you for holding this public hearing today and allowing our testimony. I write to you to urge your favorable recommendation of House Bill 440. This bill increases the maximum production size for a community solar facility.

SGC Power is a Howard County-based Community Solar development company. Our team has decades of combined solar experience, developing hundreds of megawatts of electricity across the country with a focus on the Mid-Atlantic, especially in Maryland.

SGC Power fully supports the proposed legislation. This bill will of course provide greater opportunities for local community solar development companies like SGC to consider developing larger community solar facilities and in turn, provide renewable energy to many more subscribers per single facility when compared to the current 2 megawatt maximum.

As with any community solar facility, landowners who have the necessary land and are looking for an additional revenue stream can consider hosting a community solar facility. Many of the landowners SGC has worked with look to this additional revenue stream as a means to continue their way of life, whether it is needed to keep the property in their family for future generations, to supplement the difference between increased pricing on farming equipment and supplies when there are supply chain disruptions or even saving the revenue as a nest egg. By passing this legislation, it will allow landowners with the extra space to generate even more additional revenue than they currently would otherwise be permitted to generate under current law.

SGC Power supports HB440 and for all the reasons above, we respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable report.

Thank you for your support, we are available for any questions you may have.

Regards,

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