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Committee: Economic Matters

Testimony on: HB 818 - Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generation - Consolidated Billing

Organization: Individual

Person Submitting: Lore Rosenthal

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: February 24, 2022

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing in favor of : **HB 818 - Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generation – Consolidated Billing**

We have a wonderful Community Solar Program in Maryland, passed into law in 2015.

Currently, when you subscribe to a community solar project, you pay the subscriber organization for the kilowatt hours of solar electricity you used. Then, the utility gives you a credit on your bill for the dirty energy you did not consume.

This two-bill arrangement is problematic for low income families. They are not able to purchase solar electricity from the solar company (often at a good discount) and simultaneously apply for Energy Assistance, through the utility.

This bill would rectify the situation. Instead of dealing with two bills, the customer would have “consolidated billing”, directly from the utility company only. All credits and discounts would show up on a single bill.

For these reasons, I recommend a favorable report on HB818.

Thanks,
Lore Rosenthal