



**HOUSE BILL 1261 – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM -
ALTERATIONS**

FAVORABLE

**HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE
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NRG Energy, Inc. (“NRG”) submits these comments in **support** to **HB 1261 – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program - Alterations**.

NRG is the leading integrated energy and home services company powered by its customer-focused strategy, strong balance sheet, and comprehensive sustainability framework. A Fortune 500 company, NRG brings the power of energy to millions of North American customers. Our family of brands help people, organizations and businesses achieve their goals by leveraging decades of market expertise to deliver tailored solutions. Our retail brands serve more than six million customers across North America, including here in Maryland, where NRG owns seven companies that are licensed by the Public Service Commission to serve retail customers. In addition to commodity supply, NRG’s retail companies provide value added services including subscription service to community solar projects on behalf of license community solar subscriber organizations.

Removing the electric service territory requirement and opening access for subscribers to projects across the state helps ensure the greatest number of individuals can enjoy the benefits of community solar in Maryland. It also encourages community solar development by providing a much larger base of potential subscribers no matter the location of the project. Siting regulations, whether it be at the state, county, or municipal level, have held back development of community solar projects in Maryland. This bill will help developers focus on those areas with a more favorable project climate without limiting fair access for all potential community solar subscribers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on HB 1261 and for the above reasons NRG urges the Committee to give it a **favorable** report.

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