



## **HB818 – Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generation - Consolidated Billing**

**Testimony before**

**Senate Finance Committee**

**March 30, 2022**

**Position: Favorable**

Dear Finance Committee Members,

My name is Ruth Auerbach, and I represent the 750+ members of Indivisible Howard County. We are providing written testimony today to **support HB818**, to allow community solar subscriber programs to participate in consolidated billing by local electric companies.. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We are grateful for the leadership of Delegate Clippinger for sponsoring this bill.

We enthusiastically support allowing community solar subscriber programs to participate in consolidated billing. I have been a community solar subscriber since this past May. The lack of consolidated billing makes it more difficult to confirm that the credits on my electricity bill match the charges I receive on a separate community solar bill. I would like to recommend this program because I believe in transitioning to solar power, and I could more firmly do so if the billing were more straight forward. I am also told that this lack of a consolidated bill is an impediment to registering low- and middle-income households too. Such households could benefit from the community solar programs that guarantee a reduction in electricity costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

**We respectfully urge a favorable report on this bill.**

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