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## HB 76 Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Exemption from Energy and Property Taxes, House Ways and Means

## **Position: Support**

Clean Air Task Force (CATF) supports HB 76 and its efforts to create critical incentives to meet the energy needs in all communities, especially those that serve low- and moderate-income Marylanders and those that have been harmed from environmental pollutions.

This bill will make it more affordable to get important solar projects on the vast built environment including parking lots, roof tops, landfills, and brownfields. These areas are at the ready to provide energy benefits to their communities. However, incentives are needed so these energy benefits can be provided.

We urge a favorable report on HB 76.

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- Push the technology and policy changes needed to achieve a zero-emissions, highenergy planet at an affordable cost,
- Meet the world's rising energy demand in a way that is financially, socially, and environmentally sustainable, and
- Achieve zero-emissions energy, waste, agricultural, and forest management systems by 2050.

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