



Committee: Economic Matters
Testimony on: HB0511 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Solar Energy - Compliance Fees
Organization: Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing
Submitting: Laurie McGilvray, Co-Chair
Position: Favorable
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Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB511. The Maryland Legislative Coalition (MLC) Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB511.

HB511 will increase the solar alternative compliance payment (ACP) under the State Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour (\$60 per megawatt-hour) beginning in 2025, as opposed to the current law, which would decrease ACPs from 6 cents per kilowatt-hour each year in 2024, to 2.25 cents per kilowatt-hour (\$22.50 per megawatt-hour) in 2030 and beyond.

By maintaining the ACPs at the higher \$60 per megawatt-hour level, solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) will remain at a higher level as well. The higher value SRECs benefit both small solar installation businesses and homeowners and businesses who install solar panels. Maryland is not keeping pace with solar installation and generation required under the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard. The increased ACP and higher SREC prices will provide an incentive to build more solar in the State.

We recommend a **FAVORABLE** report for HB511 in committee.