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## <u>TESTIMONY ON SB#/0416 - FAVORABLE</u> Renewable Energy - Customer-Sited Solar Program

**TO**: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0416, Renewable Energy - Customer-Sited Solar Program

Maryland has an ambitious program to reduce the use of fossil fuels to ameliorate the effects of climate change in our state. Solar energy is an important part of the energy portfoilo the state is looking to expand to increase our renewable energy availability.

This bill will make it possible for individuals and organizations to acquire grants to finance the installation of solar energy generating systems. It will help cut the red tape and promote regulations on solar power systems.

Everyone benefits from actions we can tkae in Maryland to improve our climate by reducting our dependence on fossil fuels.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0416.