



SB206

**Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment
before the Judicial Proceedings Committee**

Hearing January 30, 2024 – 1:00 pm

Position: FAVORABLE

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and members of the committee, my name is Elizabeth Fixsen, and I represent the 700+ members of Indivisible Howard County. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We are providing written testimony today in support of SB206, which will ease the process by which condominiums can install various clean energy equipment, including solar panels, in common areas.

In 2023, HB0101 removed some of the barriers that condominium management faced in obtaining approval from unit owners and mortgage holders for such installation. This bill will further facilitate the process. It involves no costs.

As our planet is facing catastrophic effects from climate change, it is imperative that property owners in Maryland take every possible measure to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, including installation of solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, and energy storage systems.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

We respectfully urge a favorable report.

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