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**TESTIMONY ON HB#/1435 – FAVORABLE**

**Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits,  
and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act)**

**TO:** Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and members of the Economic Matters Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1435, Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act)**

Maryland has an ambitious program to reduce the use of fossil fuels to ameliorate the effects of climate change in our state. Fossil fuel extraction and refinement are exacerbating the problems we are facing. This bill is an attempt to promote and increase the use of solar power in Maryland.

This bill facilitates an increase in the maximum amount of power generated by solar facilities and customer generators system affecting meter aggregation for handling excess from multiple generating systems. It will mandate the creation of a Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program to drive an increase in choosing solar power enabling the receipt from the Public Service Commission to receive additional solar renewable energy credits.

Fixing the problem and moving towards Maryland clean energy goals requires a plan to do so and the means to make it happen. This bill makes the movement to solar power a more comprehensive choice with increased viability. It is a commonsense solution to move Maryland forward.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1435.**