



Maryland

Energy Administration

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee
FROM: MEA
SUBJECT: HB 4 - Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems - Alteration
DATE: January 24, 2025

MEA Position: FAVORABLE

House Bill 4 prohibits unreasonable restrictions by community associations related to the installation of solar collector systems, removing obstacles to advancing the state's clean energy goals.

Restrictions by community associations can increase installation costs and reduce system efficiency, creating a disincentive for homeowners within these communities to take advantage of solar opportunities

House Bill 4 removes these restrictions and creates an incentive for homeowners within these communities to challenge unreasonable restrictions on solar collector systems.

MEA urges the committee to issue a **favorable report**.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Landon Fahrig, Legislative Liaison, directly (landon.fahrig@maryland.gov, 410.931.1537).