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TESTIMONY ON SB#0669- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program - Eligibility and Generating Capacity

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

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0669, **Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program - Eligibility and Generating Capacity**

This bill will increase the generating capacity of some in-state electric systems and extend the deadline for solar energy systems to be placed in service.

The total amount of in-State generating capacity for certified systems, as measured by the alternating current rating of the systems' inverters, under the Program 3 may not exceed:

- 300 megawatts for systems with a generating capacity of less than 20 kilowatts, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter

Increase from 270 to 540 megawatts for systems with a generating capacity of between 20 kilowatts and 5 megawatts, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter.

This bill will extend the deadline by which a solar energy generating system must be placed in service to be eligible for certification under the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2031; and increasing the total amount of in-State generating capacity for certain solar energy generating systems from 270 megawatts to 540 megawatts.

If solar energy is to be added in Maryland this bill will make the process and size of the contribution to our energy portfolio easier to obtain at higher megawatt measurements.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0669.