

SB0841: Maryland Energy Administration - Renewable Energy Generation
Projects - Alternative Compliance Fee Auctions
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UNFAVORABLE

Third Act Maryland requests an unfavorable report on SB0841. Third Act Maryland has more than 1400 members over 60, who are committed to safeguarding our planet, and the widespread expansion of solar energy made accessible and affordable for all. We stand in opposition to this bill as SB0841 would eliminate Low to Moderate Income (LMI) solar programs through MEA, which is a step backward for equity and for clean energy for Maryland residents.

Additionally, a reverse auction adds significant complexity and barriers for ordinary people to be involved and enabled to choose solar as a clean, safe and affordable energy for their families. Members of Third Act support legislation that provides a more informed process of getting money directly from ratepayers to projects. Further, our position is that a priority should not be to make jobs for SREC traders, but rather to expand access to solar to all Maryland residents, driving more value for ratepayers.

When considering energy prices vs. capacity prices, it is clear that there is a greater impact from energy prices than from capacity prices. When we build solar, we reduce our reliance on fossil fuel sources of energy, saving ratepayers dollars and safeguarding our planet.

We respectfully request an unfavorable report.