



SB 0841 - **UNFAVORABLE**

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Maryland Energy Administration - Renewable Energy Generation Projects - Alternative Compliance Fee Auctions (SB 0841)

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of 350 Montgomery County (350MoCo.org), I urge an **unfavorable** report on SB0841. The bill creates unintended equity problems for individuals interested in solar. First, the bill **eliminates LMI** (Low to Moderate Income) **Solar Programs** through the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)! Next, ratepayers would pay twice since this bill would first finance projects with Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs) in the reverse auction *then pay again* for ongoing solar production with Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs). Lastly and in general, the reverse auction mechanism adds complexity and barriers for ordinary people to participate in solar energy.

For these equity reasons, **we urge an unfavorable report on SB 0841.**

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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Steering Committee Member of 350MoCo