



Testimony on: SB669 - Public Utilities - Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program - Eligibility and Generating Capacity
Committee: Education, Energy & the Environment
Organization: Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing
Submitting: Richard Deutschmann
Position: Favorable with Amendments
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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Committee Members:

We are providing our testimony today in support with amendments of the main parts of SB669, to extend and strengthen the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing is a statewide coalition of 32 grassroots and professional organizations focused on climate justice and we urge you to vote Favorable With Amendments on SB669. We thank Senators Harris and Brooks for their leadership on this bill.

Maryland is facing an affordability crisis, as utility bills continue to rise at a greater rate than inflation, with the burden falling especially hard on working class families. Concurrently, the Trump administration continues its assault on the lowest cost and fastest to develop sources of new electricity generation - solar energy and windpower.

SB669 directly addresses each of these issues, by making it easier and more cost-effective for residents and small businesses in the state to utilize solar energy to reduce their utility bills for decades to come, and incentivizing new commercial and industrial generation that will increase reliability, lower the wholesale cost of electricity in the region, and delay the need for expensive new transmission capacity in the state.

The bill makes two simple changes in the program, extending it out from 2028 to 2031, and doubling the cap for larger systems to 540MW. However, we are strongly supporting HB345/SB341, “the Affordable Solar Act”, and believe that this is the best vehicle for stimulating new clean energy generation in the state, and making energy costs more affordable for Marylanders. We would like to see SB669 amended to conform and be incorporated into SB341.

For these reasons, we urge a Favorable with Amendments report on SB669.

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