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### **SB 341 - Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act)**

**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

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**SUPPORT**

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 341. On behalf of our 700 affiliated unions, I offer the following comments.

SB 341 recognizes that Maryland's clean-energy future must be built by Maryland workers and embeds it directly into the structure of our state's solar expansion. By grounding solar expansion to responsible development standards, we ensure the clean-energy transition delivers high-quality, local jobs.

This legislation does more than just expand solar capacity, it supports skilled labor and keeps jobs in Maryland. By setting clear procurement requirements and creating a structured pathway for new distributed and utility-scale projects, SB 341 translates solar expansion into real jobs for the trades that build and maintain these systems. It aligns Maryland's goals with a workforce strategy that values training, safety, and fair wages.

SB 341 ensures that public investment in solar energy delivers good jobs, strong communities, and a clean-energy economy that uplifts workers rather than undercuts them.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable report on SB 341.



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