



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

### Testimony in Support of SB 341 - Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits - Affordable Solar Act

TO: Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy and Environment  
Committee  
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The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) strongly supports **SB 344 - Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits - Affordable Solar Act**. We are a faith-based advocacy organization based on Unitarian Universalist (UU) Values, including Interdependence (honoring the interdependent web of all existence) and Justice (where all feel welcome and can thrive). Working to mitigate, adapt to, and build resilience for climate change is central to our beliefs.

The **Affordable Solar Act** aligns with both of the values by:

- a) Stabilizing the solar energy sector by restructuring the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC),
- b) Creating a clean energy fund (supported by Alternative Compliance Payments), to be administered by the major utilities, which can only be used to build in-state clean energy generation, and
- c) Opening the door to Portable Solar Energy Systems (Balcony Solar) allowing low and moderate income renters and condo residents to utilize customer friendly options to save money on their utility bills.

We KNOW that fossil fuel-based energy systems are causing climate change. The **Affordable Solar Act** promotes generation of clean solar energy which is desperately needed AND it is demonstrably less expensive energy, relieving financial pressure on all Marylanders.

For these reasons we urge a FAVORABLE report on **SB 341**.

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