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Sponsor Testimony for SB 669
Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program – Eligibility and Generating Capacity
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Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

A functional electric grid incorporates diversified sources of energy generation to ensure the reliable, sustainable delivery of electricity. Solar electricity generation is a key component of Maryland's energy grid and is integral to meeting our climate and environmental goals.

At its core, SB 669 is about ensuring that solar projects remain a viable source of energy generation in the State of Maryland.

In 2024, the governor signed the Brighter Tomorrow Act, which created the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program, which sought to jumpstart the market by creating a 1.5x Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) multiplier for solar generating systems that generate 5 megawatts or fewer located on rooftops, parking canopies, brownfields, and other disturbed lands.

Even though there is demand for the program and it has proven to be an effective incentive, the current structure is constrained. The Megawatt caps and the requirement that projects be energized by the existing deadline create significant pressure in the next two years.

SB 669 would increase the capacity for systems with a generating capacity of between 20 kilowatts and 5 megawatts from 270 to 540 megawatts.

Additionally, SB 669 would push back the date that eligible solar projects must be placed into service to be eligible for certification under the program from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2031.

These two changes will ensure that Maryland can continue to offer stable, durable market conditions that support clean energy investment.

For these reasons, I request a favorable report on SB 669