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**TESTIMONY ON SB#/0265 – FAVORABLE**

**Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Prohibited Locations - Adjacent Parcels**

**TO:** Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0265, Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Prohibited Locations - Adjacent Parcels**

This bill expands site locations for solar energy generation subject to limits on the amount of power such site will create for the local community supported by that installation. Those sites include:

- on the rooftops of buildings
- in areas that are zoned for industrial use
- on brownfields locations and clean fill sites
- over parking lots or roadways
- on multilevel parking structures
- on or over transportation or public rights-of-way
- at airports
- on land that was previously zoned for industrial use or is ecologically compromised
- is not targeted for mitigation or restoration
- or in any location if the combined capacity of all community solar energy generating systems on the same [or adjacent] parcel does not exceed 10 megawatts

This bill will offer communities greater control over solar farms site selection by repealing certain prohibitions on the location of a community solar energy generating system based on the combined installed capacity of all community solar energy generating systems on adjacent parcels of land.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report and pass SB0265.**