



TESTIMONY TO: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland supports policies that protect our environment and promote affordable, clean energy. The League believes that accelerating the transition to renewable energy is essential to lowering long-term energy costs, reducing climate pollution, and protecting public health across Maryland.

The League of Women Voters of Maryland **supports SB 341**, the Affordable Solar Act, which would ensure that ratepayer funds collected for solar energy are used to support new solar development. SB 341 updates the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard and the Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program to reflect the different types of solar energy projects operating in Maryland. This bill also establishes clear solar energy procurement requirements for electric companies, and directs Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) into a dedicated fund that will support solar energy generation.

Many Maryland households are struggling with rising energy costs, making it especially critical for the state to enact renewable energy policies that help lower and stabilize utility bills. By strengthening Maryland's solar framework and ensuring that compliance payments are used for their intended purpose, **SB 341** supports accountability within the state's clean energy program. When utilities do not meet solar requirements, the resulting ACPs should directly support additional solar generation, rather than being diverted to cover other state expenditures or budget shortfalls.

The League of Women Voters of Maryland and its 2,000 members strongly **urge a favorable report on SB 341**.