

TESTIMONY FOR SB 0341
AFFORDABLE SOLAR ACT

My name is Mary Mihalyi. I live in District 20 and I am strongly in favor of SB 0341.

As the federal government abandons any pretense of limiting climate change, Marylanders need our state legislators to stand up for our right to clean, renewable, affordable solar energy.

Rooftop, community, and portable solar systems are all needed in order to provide the greatest access to solar power. My husband and I were fortunate enough to have the means to install rooftop solar, with the assistance of federal tax credits, but many residents do not have the resources to do so. Others have the benefit of large shade trees but then have insufficient sun to capture solar energy, or live in apartments, shared housing, or rental properties, and do not have the option of rooftop solar. Portable or “balcony” solar in particular provides an innovative solution for apartment-dwellers and limited-income residents.

I recommend a FAVORABLE report on SB 0341.