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RE: SB 386 – Lower Bills and Local Power Act of 2026

**Favorable**

Chair Feldman and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

The Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA) provides this written testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 386. CCSA's position on this legislation is Favorable.

CCSA is a national, business-led trade organization, composed of over 100 member companies, that works to expand access to clean, local, affordable energy nationwide through the development of robust community solar programs. Community solar projects involve medium-scale solar facilities that are shared by multiple community subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced.

CCSA has been an active participant in the development and implementation of Maryland's community solar program, from its pilot stages to the permanent program it is today. We appreciate the General Assembly's support and leadership throughout the program's evolution and its embracement of community solar as an energy and affordability solution for the state. Community solar represents one of Maryland's most deployable energy sources and is a versatile tool for reducing electricity costs: particularly for low-and-moderate income customers, which make up at least 40% of the enrolled capacity for each permanent program project.

SB 386 establishes a Solar and Energy Storage Market Stabilization Program within the Maryland Energy Administration to help fill financing gaps for clean energy projects that have become financially uncertain due to the loss of federal tax incentives. The bill also includes several transmission-related elements that would result in modernizing transmission planning and deployment, increasing the use of advanced grid technologies, improving the permitting process, and integrating the Maryland utilities more fully into a regional grid structure.

CCSA appreciates the Moore Administration for supporting solar power and for its dedication to solving the challenges associated with Maryland's energy needs. We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration and this Committee on these critical issues.

CCSA urges a favorable report on SB 386.

Sincerely,

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