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Testimony for:

**SB0341 – Public Utilities - Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act)
Education, Energy, and the Environment**

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Position: FAVORABLE

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee,

As a concerned citizen, elder, and consistent voter, I urge a favorable report on SB0341, Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act). I believe SB0341 establishes the foundation Marylanders need to join the clean, affordable, and urgent energy transition our times demand. The urgency is to address both the climate crisis and affordability.

This is the time for Maryland to lead on clean energy without further delay. Already facing some of the highest electricity costs in the country with the promise of additional increases, Maryland families deserve real solutions that makes sense for the citizens first and do not pander to special fossil fuel interests. Renewable energy is the most efficient and logical long-term solution. One among many sources documenting the value of renewables, in [Here Comes the Sun](#), Bill McKibben makes the case for the affordability of solar and also shows that the United States is shockingly behind many other countries in utilizing the science and available technology. Maryland should be a leader towards the inevitable future of safe, affordable energy.

SB0341 makes solar energy accessible to everyone, whether they own a house or not. As a homeowner, I have had rooftop solar on my house for five years. The solar generation covers about 70% of all my electric consumption. My monthly bill is often under \$9.00. SB0341 makes solar energy accessible to everyone. The portable solar provisions open the door for renters to finally participate in the clean energy economy, typically reducing apartment electricity bills by 10-30%. This bill breaks down barriers of home ownership that have kept solar access out of reach for many.

If we are to meet the goal of 50% renewable energy by 2030, now is the time to act. SB0341 moves us towards that goal. For the reasons stated above, I urge a favorable report on SB0341.

Thank you.