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TESTIMONY ON SB#0843- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Net Energy Metering, SUNRISE Program, and Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program (SUNRISE Act)

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0843**, Net Energy Metering, SUNRISE Program, and Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program (SUNRISE Act)**

The intent of this bill is to make solar energy generated electricity programs more available to low- and moderate-income households while increasing the statewide net energy to include the power from this program.

A statewide capacity reservation system for net energy metering (NEM) projects is a regulatory mechanism designed to manage the total amount of renewable energy capacity allowed on the grid under favorable NEM rates. It allows for the orderly development of solar and other distributed generation projects by enabling developers to "reserve" a portion of the state's total allowed NEM capacity, ensuring the project will be eligible for specific compensation rates even if the overall state cap is reached during the project's development. [1]

This bill will require the Office of Home Energy Programs to administer, or through a local administering agency administer, certain programs and activities regarding low- and moderate-income households and the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program; altering the method by which certain rated generating capacity is counted toward the statewide net energy metering limit; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a certain statewide capacity reservation system for certain net energy metering projects; etc.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0843.

[1] Google AI Search "what is a statewide capacity reservation system for net energy metering projects"