



TESTIMONY FOR HB0990
**Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program - Eligibility and
Generating Capacity**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Behler

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0990 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

In order to meet the state's greenhouse gas reductions, we really need to get more solar into our grid as quickly as possible. Right now, in order to be eligible for certification under the SREC Program, a solar energy generating system must be placed in service by January 1, 2028. This bill will extend that date to January 1, 2031. Additionally, a current solar energy generating system must provide 250 megawatts for systems with a generating capacity of between 20 kilowatts and 5 megawatts. This limit is extended to 540 megawatts.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.