

We especially want to emphasize our support for the part of the bill that allows the purchase and use of "portable solar energy generating system[s]," which are movable solar devices that plug into a standard electrical outlet, supply up to 1,200 watts of power, and require no rooftop installation. This change would help make solar energy accessible and affordable to Maryland renters and condo-owners, those with unsuitable roofs, and help those with low incomes to lower their electricity bills. When paired with a battery, these portable solar systems would also increase the resilience of all of these households during grid power outages.

Finally, the Act mandates that its implementation does not raise utility bills for residents.

Maryland residents want effective and fair climate policies. The policies put forth by the Affordable Solar Act help ensure it. The Maryland Chapters of Citizens Climate Lobby urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB0345.

Respectfully submitted,

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