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RE: Favorable position on HB0345 Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act)

Dear Environment and Transportation Committee Members:

Thank you for your service and work reviewing the HB 345, Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits. I am writing to ask that the committee provide a favorable report on HB0345, Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act).

HB0345 would allow households unable to install larger solar systems to install portable solar energy generating systems as an alternative. The solar industry has evolved and this bill allows “balcony solar” which is currently not available to Maryland households. I believe it is best to update Maryland laws to keep up with current opportunities.

HB0345 will update the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) reflecting the changes needed for the maturing solar industry.

I urge a Favorable HB0345 committee report and House of Delegates floor vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

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