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RE: HB 1147 – Public Service Commission Flexibility Act

**Favorable**

Chair Korman and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

The Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA) provides this written testimony regarding House Bill (HB) 1147. CCSA's position on this legislation is Favorable.

CCSA is a national, business-led trade organization, composed of over 100 member companies, that works to expand access to clean, local, affordable energy nationwide through the development of robust community solar programs.

As Maryland continues to advance ambitious clean energy, climate, and affordability policies, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) plays a central role in implementing these initiatives. The Commission is responsible not only for traditional utility rate regulation, but also for overseeing and administering a growing portfolio of programs and proceedings, including Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance, community solar approvals, grid modernization initiatives, transmission planning, and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for new generation and transmission infrastructure.

The PSC's workload has grown substantially in recent years due to a dramatic increase in CPCN applications and the implementation of new energy statutes and programs, all while continuing to regulate utility rates.

For community solar developers and other clean energy businesses, timely and predictable regulatory processes are essential. Delays in dockets, backlogs in application reviews, or insufficient staffing to process ministerial approvals can slow project development and increase costs for all parties, while slowing clean energy deployment. Ensuring that the PSC has adequate flexibility to scale staffing and retain outside expertise when necessary, will help maintain efficient proceedings and provide regulatory certainty for market participants.

Delegate Folly's HB 1147 provides the PSC with needed flexibility to better manage increased caseloads, respond to technical complexity, and ensure that legislative initiatives adopted by the General Assembly are implemented effectively and on schedule.

CCSA appreciates the Committee's leadership in addressing the structural needs of Maryland's energy regulatory framework. We respectfully urge a favorable report on HB 1147.

Sincerely,

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