



**Written Testimony of Summit Ridge Energy**  
**House Bill 1476: Net Energy Metering - Successor Program**  
**House Environment and Transportation Committee**  
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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

Summit Ridge Energy respectfully submits the following written testimony in support of House Bill 1476.

Summit Ridge Energy is a long-term owner and operator of distributed solar assets across Maryland. Today, we own and operate 29 solar facilities across the State totaling 56.8 megawatts of clean energy generation. Our portfolio spans rooftop systems on commercial and industrial buildings to ground-mount facilities across Maryland.

Among those projects is The Bomber Project in Hampstead, Carroll County, the nation's largest rooftop community solar project. The 9.2 megawatt installation sits across 23 acres of commercial rooftop and delivers monthly energy savings to approximately 1,300 Maryland households and small businesses, nearly one-third of whom are low-to-moderate income customers. It is a demonstration of what this program can do for working families and underserved communities when the right policy framework is in place.

When we invest in a Maryland solar project, we plan to operate it for 25 to 35 years. That perspective shapes everything we believe about good energy policy.

With this in mind, Summit Ridge Energy thanks Speaker Peña-Melnyk for introducing HB 1476 and for taking responsibility for the long-term health of Maryland's distributed generation market. Ensuring that local solar continues to deliver affordable, accessible clean energy to Maryland families, including those in overburdened and underserved communities, requires exactly this kind of proactive stewardship. We are grateful the Speaker has taken it on.

In this process, we urge the Commission to conduct a thorough and complete review of the full economics of distributed generation before designing any successor program. Maryland's solar market runs on multiple revenue streams that must be considered together: the NEM bill credit, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and the federal investment tax credit. Each is currently in flux.

Federal law has materially curtailed the ITC, with new construction deadlines already reshaping what projects are financeable. SREC values are under active consideration here in Annapolis. A successor



program that optimizes for any one of these streams in isolation risks undermining the others and collapsing the very market it is meant to sustain. That would mean higher energy costs for the Maryland families and overburdened communities counting on distributed solar to provide relief.

Summit Ridge Energy is committed to this market for the long term. As the PSC's proceeding takes shape, we look forward to working with stakeholders to demonstrate the full value distributed generation delivers to Maryland families, businesses, and communities, including the measurable bill savings that make the case for keeping this market strong.

We respectfully request a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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