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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair  
Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 250  
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**Testimony of Renae Steichen, REV Renewables  
House Bill 897/Senate Bill 386, Lower Bills and Local Power Act of 2026**

**Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee and House Environment &  
Transportation Committee**

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Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in favor of House Bill 897 and Senate Bill 386. My name is Renae Steichen, I am the Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs for REV Renewables (“REV”).

With nearly 3 gigawatts of operating assets and a substantial development pipeline across the U.S., REV is an industry leader in the development, acquisition and operation of clean energy and energy storage.

In Maryland, REV recently completed construction of its 20-megawatt Jade Meadow solar facility on reclaimed coal mine land in Allegany County and is the owner/operator of the 13-megawatt Rockfish solar facility in Charles County. REV has several Maryland solar and energy storage projects in development including Jade Meadow III, a solar project up to 300-megawatt planned in Garrett County located on reclaimed coal mine land. Jade Meadow III is the largest solar project permitted in the state to-date with a potential operation date of 2028. Jade Meadow III will provide significant electricity generation to the grid, local tax revenue, construction jobs, and economic development.



**Lower Bills and Local Power Act Will Help New Large-Scale Clean Energy Generation Get Built and Help Stabilize Price Volatility.**

For transmission-connected solar, Maryland has over 2,300 megawatts of energy active in the PJM queue today. However, as demonstrated by the slow installation rates, these projects are continuing to struggle getting built. Some of the key project challenges include increasing supply chain costs due to inflation, higher financing costs, and Federal policy pressures. Programs to support procurement and financing of utility-scale solar projects like the one in the Governor’s bill are needed to bridge this gap and bring these projects online in Maryland. This solution will create jobs, help stabilize price volatility, increase electric reliability for Maryland ratepayers, and help the state meet its clean energy goals.

REV appreciates your consideration of our comments and looks forward to working with the Maryland legislature to bring new clean energy investments and help lower costs for consumers.

Thank you.

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