



Testimony of the Mayor and Council of Rockville
HB 345 – Public Utilities – Solar Energy Generating Systems and Solar
Renewable Energy Credits (Affordable Solar Act)
SUPPORT

The City of Rockville is thankful to Chair Korman and the members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of HB 345. We thank Delegate Charkoudian for sponsoring this important legislation.

The Rockville Mayor and Council and Environment Commission support HB 345 as it aligns with Rockville’s Climate Action Plan to advocate for a stronger Renewable Portfolio Standard and increase renewable energy. This legislation will help to meet the growing demand for energy production in Maryland while keeping rates affordable and benefiting the environment. The legislation will better position Maryland to address climate change by strengthening the effectiveness of the Renewable Portfolio Standard and creating competitive incentive programs for solar projects serving the state, and by enabling portable solar systems.

We support the provisions of HB 345, which will increase solar generation serving the State by creating incentive programs to produce 4,000 megawatts of additional solar production. Rockville endorses provisions that will limit impacts on ratepayers by subsidizing only projects that would not otherwise be competitive.

These improvements support our shared goals to advance clean energy generation, affordability, and reliability. For these reasons, we urge the Committee to provide HB 345 with a favorable report.