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Chairman Stein, Vice-Chair Blasdel, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 197 (HB 197), a bill to enable community solar expansion. My name is Michal Sittek, and I am a self representing Ohio resident.

I am currently in the process of building a solar power project on my roof in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. I am deeply interested in the benefits of solar power and its job creation for the citizens of Ohio.

I stand in support of House Bill 197 to enable a community solar pilot program in Ohio. We sorely need more efficient, less expensive energy choices by allowing our fellow citizens to power their homes with solar energy. HB 197 would establish a model for more energy choices and lower energy bills for working families in Ohio. Community solar solutions helps to create a more stable and resilient energy grid. I cherish the opportunity to support my neighbors' energy needs with an excess energy produced. Jobs will be inherently created as renewable energy is a fast growing industry. I also highly value clean air and silent production of electricity. The benefits are endless, including strengthening our electrical grid in Ohio. As we all know, humanity's energy needs keep on increasing year over year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of HB 197. I am happy to answer your questions.

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