

PROPONENT TESTIMONY by JOSEPH PERO on House Bill 197
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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 establish the creation and proliferation of Community Solar Farms throughout the state of Ohio.

My name is Joseph Pero, and I am the CEO of Pero Power Innovations, a renewable energy company. My company sells and installs solar panels and battery backup systems for homes and businesses. As you already know, utility prices are skyrocketing through Ohio and the entire country. While many people would love to have Solar in their homes, the plain fact is not everybody is able to get it. This is due to poor location, such as trees blocking the sunlight, financial considerations (as it usually means committing to a 25-year loan), as well as other factors that prevent homeowners from accessing solar energy. By allowing for the creation of Community Solar Farms, these same people will now have access to this clean and renewable energy. By paying a subscription fee, these consumers can have access to the energy produced by these farms. They can finally take control for their energy costs. Meanwhile, the creation of these farms will mean jobs and tax revenue, creating a Win/Win Situation for everyone involved in these projects. I implore you all to approve HB 197 and send it to the Governor's desk. You will not be sorry!

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