

## **Testimony by Julie Phalen on Senate Bill 247**

### **Climate Reality Project, Greater Cincinnati Chapter**

*Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee*

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Chairman Reineke, Vice-Chair McColley, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Senate Bill 247 (SB 247), a bill to establish a framework for the Community Solar Pilot Program (CSPP) and encourage community solar facility development in Ohio. My name is Julie Phalen, and I am citizen from Cincinnati, OH.

**I ask for your support of Senate Bill 247. Increasing use of solar power will reduce the burning of fossil fuel which is contributing to climate change and causing dangerous pollutants in the air we breathe.**

**We wish to add solar panels to our residence, but, because of our dense neighborhood, our neighbor's tree blocks our access to the sun. We would love to participate in a Community Solar Array, if given the option.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of Senate Bill 247. This bill represents a significant step forward in making renewable energy affordable, equitable, and accessible to all Ohioans while boosting economic and environmental outcomes. I am happy to answer any questions.

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