

Testimony by Brian Wabler on Senate Bill 247

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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 Brian Wabler.

Renewable energy is the technology of the future, and Ohio must get on board or be left behind. Many residents of Ohio, including me, want access to community solar projects. Community solar is more affordable and flexible than rooftop solar, giving residents the ability to invest in clean energy for their families. Community solar will allow renters and homeowners who aren't able to put solar panels on their roofs to participate in the solar revolution.

Don't let Ohio become a backward-looking state, reliant on dirty, unhealthy fossil fuels. Community solar will provide abundant energy, create jobs, provide income for landowners, make our air cleaner, and keep the planet healthy. Please approve community solar to help Ohio move into the future!

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.

Brian Wabler