

Testimony by Paul Moser 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.

Senate Bill 247, aimed at enabling community solar projects in Ohio, represents a significant opportunity to expand clean energy access, stimulate economic growth, and enhance energy resilience. Community solar allows residents and businesses to benefit from solar energy without installing panels on their property. This is particularly beneficial for renters, low-income households, and those in urban areas with limited space or unsuitable rooftops for solar installations. By supporting community solar, Ohio can democratize access to renewable energy, allowing more citizens to lower their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint. Furthermore, the legislation aligns with the growing demand for clean energy options, enabling Ohio to compete in an increasingly green-driven economy.

In addition to environmental benefits, Senate Bill 247 is poised to deliver substantial economic advantages for Ohio. Community solar projects create jobs in construction, maintenance, and energy management, particularly in rural and economically distressed areas. By attracting private investment and boosting local tax revenues, these projects can strengthen community infrastructure and support public services. Moreover, community solar enhances energy resilience by decentralizing energy production, reducing reliance on large-scale utilities, and mitigating risks associated with power outages. Passing this bill would position Ohio as a leader in renewable energy innovation, promoting a sustainable, inclusive, and economically robust future.

I personally had had Solar Panels on my roof for 4 years. It has helped lower my utility bills by about 75%.

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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