

Testimony by Claudia Wier 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 Claudia Wier, and I am Professor at OSU.

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. As a constituent voter, I urge you to vote yes to pass this bill and allow Ohio citizens the freedom and liberty to take independent control of our energy use and generation. Senate Bill 247 aligns with Ohio's competitive retail electric service policy by promoting renewable energy through community-driven solutions. The bill fosters local job creation in solar energy installation and maintenance. The CSPP provides tangible utility savings to subscribers, making renewable energy accessible to low-to-moderate-income households.

Sincerely,

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