

## **Testimony by Kathryn L. Ziewitz on Senate Bill 247**

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*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 Kathryn Ziewitz, a resident of University Heights, Cuyahoga County, and a member of Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide proponent testimony on behalf of Senate Bill 247 to establish a Community Solar Pilot Program (CSPP). Please pass this measure to give citizens greater freedom in making choices about procuring energy in Ohio. Giving citizens a choice is an important element of sovereignty and freedom. Allowing a pilot is a modest step toward freedom of choice.

Sincere thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Ziewitz