

Testimony by Michael M. Bloomfield, MD on Senate Bill 247

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:

I'm writing to provide proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 247 (SB 247), which establishes a framework for the Community Solar Pilot Program (CSPP).

I am 72 years old. We had solar panels installed on our home four years ago that produce enough electricity to cover our electric bills. The system will have paid for itself completely within six years and will then provide free electricity for at *least* fifteen years more. What a great investment! We're lucky to be able to afford it; many people can't. SB 247 makes it possible for almost anyone to reap the economic benefits of solar.

SB 247 also allows the Ohio to make practical use of distressed properties that currently lie fallow and are currently a burden to the state and local communities, and ultimately, to taxpayers. It would create local Jobs. It would increase grid resiliency in power outages. And it moves us forward in the battle against global warming – arguably the number one threat to our world today.

Please vote yes on Senate Bill 247.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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