

## Written Testimony on SB 247

Dear 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 Laurie Albright. I live in University Hts Ohio, an inner ring suburb of Cleveland. I serve on the University Hts Sustainability committee.

We are currently in the process of writing our Sustainability Plan for the city. With the support of Future Heights, we have had residents complete a survey and held a community conversation regarding sustainability in our community. One of the items of great interest, due to the twin benefits of reducing our fossil fuels footprint and saving residents money on electric bills, the idea of community solar was highly rated.

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.