

# Testimony by **John Kiely** 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 **John Kiely**, and I am President with **Vistula Management Company**.

**I have built solar arrays on the roofs of 13 low income apartment buildings in Toledo. I am very interested in having our community have more access to renewable energy at affordable prices that increases jobs for local workers.**

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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