Proponent Testimony by Brian DiPaolo on House Bill 15 Assistant Sales Manager, YellowLite Solar House Energy Committee March 19th, 2025

Chairman Holmes, Vice-Chair Klopfenstein, Ranking Member Glassburn, and members of the House Energy Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 15 (HB15), a bill that moves Ohio forward on energy generation and consumer choice. My name is Brian DiPaolo and I am Assistant Sales Manager at YellowLite.

We are a solar and battery installation company headquartered out of Ohio, serving the entire state as well as some of the surrounding areas. We specialize in residential and commercial solar installations. Since 2009, we have completed approximately 2,500 custom solar projects.

I've been with YellowLite for 7 years. I hold a NABCEP PV Technical Sales certification, drive an electric car and have 20 solar panels on my home in Northeast Ohio.

In my day to day, I help homeowners find out if solar panels are a good candidate for their home or business. Oftentimes, they are and we are able to install a solar panels that will save them tens of thousands of dollars on their energy costs for the next 30 years, help them be more resilient from grid outages and keep our climate liveable.

However there are people who want to experience the benefits of solar who are not able to do so because of factors outside of their control. People who live in homes that aren't a good fit for solar due to excessive shading, complex roof shape, incompatible roof structure, etc. Or, there are people who live in apartments, condos or developments that don't allow solar panels.

These people should be able to access energy choice and benefit from solar energy too.

That is why I am asking for your support for the Community Energy provisions in House Bill 15, and ask that the bill moves forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submite proponent testimony on behalf of HB15.

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