

I am writing this email as a Proponent for community solar. I am writing this email on my commute to work as voice to text. Please disregard grammar.

I am a mother, business owner, artist, and volunteer in Columbus Ohio. I have actively been working on getting Columbus to commit to 100% renewable energy with the sierra club ready for 100 campaign. I have visited solar farms, talked to solar companies, city legislators, city Council, city mayors, nonprofits, and citizens, to find out the best ways to bringing solar to the people. I have also talked to utility companies, businesses, and corporations, Neighborhood association, here in Columbus Ohio as well is in other cities in Ohio. To find out what the best practices to bring solar to the city of Columbus.

Currently I am working with the city on the climate action plan. Within the plan there is mention of resiliency hubs. As we embark on ways to mitigate climate change protecting the people is a key factor in this. Making sure the people have power In extreme conditions. For instants to make sure that they have air conditioning during heat waves and heat when it's freezing. Community solar acts as a resiliency hub as they are micro grids within the larger grid And can be independent of the larger grid. If the larger Grid goes out we have the capabilities of having the smaller grid still offer power to the people or to neighborhoods that are suffering cannot access power from the main grid. The distribution of power that community solar can offer will alleviate the power needs at peak times on the main power grid.

Community solar must be part of the The solution to mitigate climate change.

In Columbus we have a municipal utilities. This is a super important piece in the puzzle to create equitable community solar projects. The municipal utilities and the city of Columbus can have leverage in the energy game if they deliver and distribute the power to the micro grids. AEP an investor only utility can run the Macrogrid. This is a checks and balance system in the energy sector. And will give the city of Columbus leverage as it is important that not just one company generates and distribute power.

Community solar can be installef on neighborhood rooftops, Vacant lots, in parks, in parking lots, on corporate rooftops, residential Housing complexes, and on commercial buildings. As we negotiate with farmers to build solar farms for the Macrogrid And to power corporate entities, it is important for the city of Columbus To show the rest of the state that we are also Are installing solar in the city on our own rooftops And parking lots.

Community solar is a great opportunity to really give power to the people. To make sure that they can access power in extreme climates and in extreme situation. As the federal government talked to the world about how they are going to mitigate climate change globally here in Columbus. We can make great strides putting in legislation that will support the people through allowing community solar in our state of Ohio and in our city of Columbus

Thank you for taking the time in reading my testimony. I apologize for the crude writing and I look forward to collaborating and working with you in the future and getting the state of Ohio to be a leader and innovator in renewable energy and environmental and energy infrastructure

Sincerely Eve Warnock