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First, we would like to thank the chair, Representative Stien, Utility Committee members, and the sponsors of House Bill 197, Representative Hoops and Representative Ray, who have worked so hard to get this legislation right.

Solar United Neighbors represents 7,000+ Ohioans who have solar on their roofs or are advocates for small-scale solar development in Ohio. We believe that solar is the bedrock on which our future energy system will be built. And that this solar will be local, on roofs, covering parking lots, churches, city buildings, and brownfields all over the state. Community solar is the key to getting the benefits of those solar projects directly to Ohioans. We support House Bill 197 for these reasons and more. This is good for Ohio, good for our energy system and good for energy democracy.