

I would like to support this bill (HB 5412-- An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities) that would allow me to participate in the use of clean, solar power. Several years ago we invited a solar panel company to assess our home. Our roof was too small and there were trees too close to the house. A ground installation would have been on top of our septic field. For either site some trees between us and Route 6 – a very busy highway—would need to be cut down, which would have increased the highway noise even more. So for personal reasons I would like to support this bill.

I also support this bill as a sociologist who is very interested in promoting more equality of benefits within our society. Since every electric utility company customer –rich and poor—pays the fees that are used to subsidize solar panel installations, they should all benefit equally from the subsidies. However, many people rent or live in condos or houses where solar panels are not a reasonable choice. Thus they cannot benefit from this source of funds that they have paid into. This is unfair and this bill would increase their chances for use of these funds. Please support this bill.

Thank you,
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