

Testimony on Bill # S2801/H7726, “Solar Cost Reduction Act”

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Position: In support of bill #S2801/H7726

As a constituent, I am submitting this testimony in support of bill # S2801/H7726 “Solar Cost Reduction Act”, and am urging the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture to pass it. This bill would streamline and speed up the permitting process for solar energy, thus reducing the cost of solar energy and making it accessible to many more residents in our state.

Residential solar energy requires significant up-front investment that unfortunately remains out of reach for too many residents. This measure would help reduce that initial cost and therefore make solar energy more attractive as an alternative to fossil fuel energy and reduce electric bills. As such, it would also help offset the reduced funding and resources from the current Federal administration regarding climate planning, as well as reduce the pressure to increase electricity production at the state level. Ultimately, it would help our state meet its climate goals of being net zero by 2050.

In advance, thank you for considering my testimony.

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