

April 4th, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: David & Debra (Bowman) McKenzie
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufner and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Debra (Bowman) McKenzie, I am a landowner in Somerset County. I am writing to you to express my husband and my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. As the owners of a farm, the addition of a community solar farm would protect my families land and help us continue to own and maintain it. The Bowman Family, my family, has owned this land for over 60 years. It was once a thriving dairy farm. As my parents aged they lost their ability to run and maintain the farm. The land sat dormant for many years until they were able to rent it to a local farmer to try and recover only the taxes they had to pay out annually for the property. My husband and I eventually bought the farm after my mother's passing.

New challenges including soaring gas and energy costs create new concerns of affordability for me to be able to lease the land for use. A community solar market gives us new hope in continued ownership of my families land and provides a path for it to be passed on to future generations. This legislation does not hurt oil and gas production in Pennsylvania, which are industries my husband and I support. The companies leasing the land are working under free market conditions and we were able to negotiate the contract including any stipulations we desire. As the wife of a union operating engineer, David McKenzie, I know the value in building union. Which includes better training, better safety records, better wages including retirement and welfare benefits, etc. My husband and I are able to require the construction of the solar farm to be done by union contractors ensuring that skilled workforce; but, also ensuring that the work is done by local workers. Much of this industry is done with very low wage, transient workers, which would not be the case in construction of our solar farm. We also keep bees and the company we are working with agreed to plant bee friendly vegetation and to work with us logistically on where we put our apiary. This shows the power landowners will have in negotiating contracts and the benefits to the owners, families, neighbors, community and state that the marketplace would provide.

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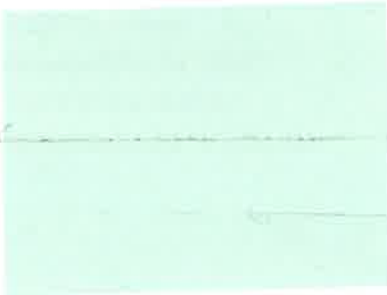
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Sincerely,

Debra McKenzie

David & Debra McKenzie



Date: 4/1/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Jared Timothy Kontaxes
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Jared Kontaxes and I am a land owner in Pennsylvania. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. My wife and I own 24 acres of farmland in Westmoreland County. The property has been used for years to grow both corn and soybeans. Due to the limited acreage, soil conditions, and cost of farming, the corn and soybeans produced provide little benefit to our family or the surrounding community. I know much greater benefit would be possible with Community solar. The topographic nature of the land and the proximity to electrical infrastructure and our local townships make the property ideal for hosting a community solar project. The energy produced would offer our area with access to additional clean energy while providing our family with extra income. My family and I are avid hunters and passionate about wildlife. As such, much of that extra income would be invested back into the property through wildlife and land conservation effort. The land would also benefit from reducing the soil erosion caused from farming. In addition to the benefits to our community, to the land, and to our family, Community solar would help achieve bi-partisan goals for energy independence and a healthier environment by promoting the expansion of renewable and clean energy sources in Pennsylvania.

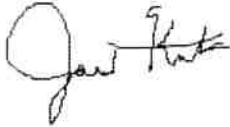
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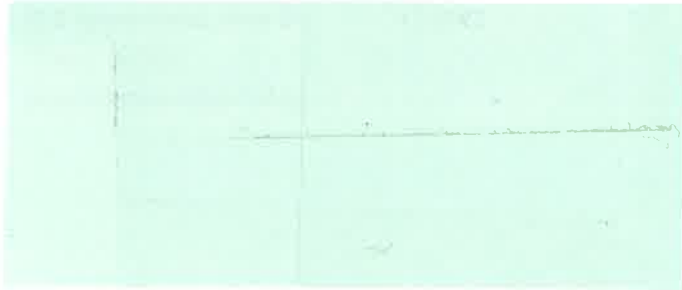
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Kontaxes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "K".

Jared Kontaxes



Date: April 12, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Kyle & Larry Kerber
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Kyle Kerber and I am a farmer in Wayne County. My dad Larry is a “retired” dairy farmer. He “retired” at the age of 68 because his body could not handle the physical activity that dairy farming requires. I had to have an off the farm job because the money isn’t there in the dairy industry to support two families. It hardly supports one family. Larry had to enter the work force off the farm at age 68 just to pay the mortgage and bills that build up from dairy farming. BlueWave contacted us about a solar farm. We talked about it and talked to BlueWave and felt comfortable signing a lease. It may not be milking cows but it is a way to keep the farm and give my father the retirement he deserves. I read about how other people think they are a terrible thing. Maybe so but that’s their opinion. We see it as a different way to farm. We farm to provide for the community. It used to be milk. Now we would like it to be electric. I’m 100 percent I’m support of community solar.

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Kyle & Larry Kerber

Date: 4/7/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Louis Ciuccio
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Louis Ciuccio, and I am the owner of a former landfill in Lackawanna County Pennsylvania. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. My property was deleted from the National Priorities List (Superfund) in 1999 when the EPA issued a Close Out Report stating that no further work was necessary at the site. Pennsylvania DEP has reviewed the site and is very supportive of redeveloping the site for this purpose within the constraints of the existing institutional controls. The construction of a community solar farm on this site would be an ideal reuse of this former Superfund site. A community solar farm on this property would provide a productive use of a site otherwise destined to remain vacant, it would provide my family and I with long term reliable income, would provide additional local tax revenue and would provide access to clean energy for the local community.

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Date: April 10, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Michael Becer
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufner and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Michael Becer and I am a landowner and farmer in Lititz, Westmoreland County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. Farmers need solar to be approved in the Commonwealth to help diversify our income and create additional income so our children and grandchildren can continue to own farmland and work in the agricultural industry.

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Sincerely, *Michael J. Becer* 04/09/2022
Lititz, PA. **15658**
THANK YOU! HAVE A NICE DAY!

Michael Becer



Date: May 13, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee

RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472

CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am James S. Little and I am a Retired Army Officer and live in Stewartstown, Pennsylvania. I grew up on a small farm in Clinton, Pennsylvania. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. This should benefit many Pennsylvania residents and also help farmers and land owners where the solar panels would be placed.

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James S. Little Phone: 

Date:4/8/22_

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Austin Marx _____
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Austin Marx___ and I am a Land owner in_Wayne ____ County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. I am in support of Community Solar because it seems to support a clean energy source for our area. Also it will provide much needed income for landowners and for local individuals that install and care for the equipment.

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Austin Marx



Date: 4/9/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Lisa Teproovich
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Lisa Teproovich and I am a farmer in Berks County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. I am farmer currently growing produce for my small community. I would love to have the opportunity to harness, and "farm the sun" and produce solar energy for Pennsylvania. There are several towns nearby that have been quickly growing that I feel will benefit by having solar electric.

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_____ Lisa Teproovich, _____



Date: 02 APRIL 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: [REDACTED]
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Carl Hashagen and I am a Landowner in LUCERNE County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. *With the current economy and rising costs of power, gas, everyday items a competitive market to lower energy costs is in demand. Solar power is a safe, clean, efficient and eco friendly alternative with environment and acreage used for power minimally disturbed and pleasing to landscape and environment.*

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Carl E. Hashagen

Signature and Contact Information



Date: 4/1/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Michelle Casale
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Michelle Casale, owner of two farms in Northampton County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. Since 1997 I have been renovating and establishing two farms, living very simply and putting the profit back into improvements and equipment to maintain my properties. Community solar would allow me to use a portion of my land for a solar project, still maintain a horse farm and crops, and have another source of income to more easily maintain the property. The economic struggles of maintaining a farm are resulting in so many farms being developed into housing developments or warehouses. These in turn put pressure on our highways and surrounding communities. Community solar would take the pressure from me to sell my land for development. I would still be able to maintain my farms and not add to the growing population and the problems that come with it. The grass and crops growing within and around the solar project would keep the country feel and provide fresh air. Solar panels are above the grass so the land provides fresh air and healthy country living, all while the solar capitalizes on the sunshine above the green space. This is an additional use to the land, which lessens the use of fossil fuels and their environmental pollution.

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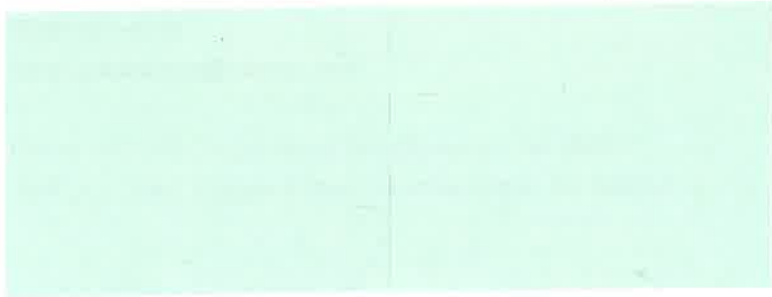
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Sincerely,

Michelle Casale



Date: April 7, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee

From: Benjamin H. Hoffman

RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**

CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Ben Hoffman and I am a farm owner in Snyder County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. I am an 82 year old retired conifer farmer and now rent about 93 acres of tillable land. I have been interested in solar energy for years. I was first contacted about five years ago concerning solar on my farm and since then I have decided to make my farm available for solar development. The solar income would mean a lot in supplementing my crop rental. I have always been concerned about the environment and tried to use the best land management systems. I would love to have just a small part in the new clean energy production; good for my farm and community.

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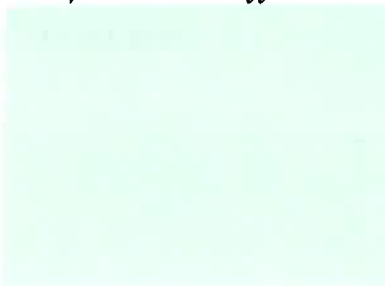
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Benjamin H. Hoffman



Date: April 9, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Robert & Monika Kuta
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Robert Kuta and I am a Machinist/Fabricator in Wayne County. I am writing to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. Renewable energy resources are key prospects in creating a promising future. My wife and I can contribute to this movement by providing land in Wayne County, PA for solar energy to be generated on. Solar farming will help reduce dependency on fossil fuels and allow my family to live in a more environmentally conscientious community. Allowing this action will help Pennsylvania citizens by lowering energy costs and altogether advance the state with an innovative tomorrow. We are looking forward to the passing of bi-partisan legislation to help Pennsylvania move into the 21st century.

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__Robert & Monika Kuta

email:



Date: April 8, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Steve DiMarco, Golf Zone Realty, LLC
RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

My name is Steve DiMarco and I am a small business owner in Chester County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. As a small business owner, we realize the benefits of a stable income source that will be generated through community solar. We will also have the opportunity to participate in the program and benefit from reduced monthly expenses.

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Steve DiMarco



Date: 4-6-22

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Mark Williams
RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am MARK WILLIAMS and I am a FARM OWNER in NORTHUMBERLAND ^{AND} County.

I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth:

FARM OWNERS STRUGGLE EVERY YEAR WITH UNKNOWN COST AND PRICE VOLATILITY. THIS INITIATIVE WILL HELP PROVIDE A KNOW INCOME STREAM.

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To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Denise E Knoebel
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I am Denise Knoebel and I am a resident, Business owner/Farmer in Columbia County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. Residents & business owners such as myself need access to an affordable, renewable, environmentally friendly source of energy in our Commonwealth. Community solar would supply that need. It would give PA residents access to energy right within our own State. Many current energy suppliers to PA business & residents thru the PA Choice Program are located out of state. Some of these out of state suppliers have even recently sent notices to customers that their contracts are being prematurely terminated because they are pulling out of PA. I can attest to this because I am one of those customers. We need a way of supplying energy within our own state & what better way than Community Solar. It's a win, win situation.

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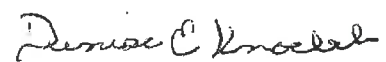
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Date: 3/25/22

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Edward Kilgus
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Edward Kilgus and I am President of the Brockway Clay Company in Jefferson County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. The Brockway Clay Company was started by my grandfather in 1935 and had over 50 union jobs and now none. One of the biggest factors that forced us to shut down was the cost of electricity. While the published rates for industry look fair and were manageable, the electric monopolist has other ways to make unfair profits. We were charged a "demand fee" and the fee when we shut down was over \$25K a month while our actual use was much less. While a company working 3 shifts, 7 days a week may be able to manage such an expense a smaller company like ours could not as we went from 2 shifts to 1. We invited the officials from the utility to our operations and showed them the workers that we were trying to help and they absolutely refused to help with this "demand fee" in any way. We even offered to pay a higher rate for our electricity we actually used but the answer was still no. With solar businesses could prosper instead of being controlled by a multistate utility. Small businesses can schedule production when inexpensive and clean solar energy is available. Farmers and land owners can share the profits instead of a large multistate utility that has no interest in local jobs.

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759 OLD WILLOW AVE., HONESDALE, PA 18431

PHONE 800-233-4270 / 570-253-5046 / FAX 570-253-2469

E-MAIL pg@bgmfastener.com

Date: 3/29/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: BGM Fastener Co., Inc., Pete Goyette
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Pete Goyette and I am a small business owner who owns property and employs over 20 people in Wayne County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. Wayne County residents like myself are trying to cope with today's economic issues. These Bills will assist bringing economic development and a new revenue stream to the area. At a time when we all want to be less reliant on foreign energy this would be the perfect time for Pennsylvania to move forward with a local based alternative energy option.

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Address: 759 Old Willow Ave., Honesdale, PA 18431

Township: Texas

County: Wayne

Date: April 28th, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Cynthia Schmargen
RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472
CC: Senator Scavella, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Cynthia Schmargen and I am a property owner in Mercer County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. As a resident of the Commonwealth for my entire life, the opportunity for choice in energy access is vitally important for many reasons. In our smaller, rural communities specifically, there is a real economic impact for both consumers and landowners to participate in the solar market and to have CHOICE in our future! We implore those who represent us in Harrisburg to listen to our opinions and help us to address our needs to benefit all within the Commonwealth.

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Cynthia Schmargen



March 24, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Trevor Walczak, Gadsden Ridge Farm
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

My name is Trevor Walczak and I am a farmer and small business owner in Lackawanna County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. As you may know, farming isn't just a job, it's a lifestyle. A lifestyle that is increasingly more challenging in this modern age of cheaply crafted imports, rising property taxes, and skyrocketing energy costs. The farming communities are quickly disappearing, taking with them generations of conservation wisdom, like recycling by reusing, doing the small tasks today that saves a greater effort tomorrow, growing your own food, and preserving the land for the future. A community solar project appealed to me as a way to utilize my land while continuing to use it for pastureland. The revenue stream from the solar lease would cover the growing tax bill, while also ensuring a pathway to convey the family farm onto the next generation, fending off the pressures to subdivide. As communities grow and agricultural land is developed, so does the scale of pollution. A community solar project on my third generation-owned 356 acre farm increases the probability exponentially that this piece of ground in Paradise Valley will remain committed to conservation for my children and maybe even theirs. Additionally, the power generated will supply my business, as well as other local small businesses and families with cheaper energy, making our rural community of Greenfield Township more sustainable.

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Signed: Trevor Walczak



Date: April 11, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Roger Wyatt
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Roger Wyatt and I am a property/land owner in Somerset County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. For many years, I have owned my land in Berlin, PA. The opportunities that community solar offers from an environmental perspective can help our communities and children for many decades. The additional tax revenue generation, above the current farm land taxes, will bring in much needed dollars to my county. Community solar is a win/win for everyone involved. Please consider approving the **Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472** as soon as possible.

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Roger K. Wyatt



Date:6/7/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Gail Tucci
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Gail Tucci and I am a resident and a business owner in Crawford County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. I think community solar would be a great addition to PA, especially in Crawford County and in the town of Venango, where I live and own a business. Community solar would create so many good jobs, which are greatly needed in my area. These jobs would also help my business and many others in my area. The new jobs would bring move people to this area to spend money at all the local businesses like mine. Community solar is also great for residents to be able to get clean energy at a great cost. Community solar doesn't use tax dollars, which is awesome! It would also be great for me to make some need income from some farm land that I have. I recently became a young widow with 2 teenage boys to raise and business to run on my own. The last couple years have been so crazy for me, my family and my business. I lost my husband in October of 2019 and then Covid hit in Spring of 2020. I own a golf course that my late husband built and I had to start 2020 as a widow, single mother and run a business by self during Covid. Not sure how I made it through all that but I did. I am looking forward to the legislators finally passing a bipartisan bill that has been in the works for 3 plus years and get Community Solar to Venango, PA. Community Solar is all around us in adjacent states. It is PA turn to get solar and more clean energy started. The residents of PA want it and need it. Let's stop wasting anymore time and pass the bills that need to pass to get Community Solar in PA

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Date: 5/20/22

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: JAMES "CHRIS" MILLER
RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472
CC: Senator Seavello, Representative Kaufert and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am CHRIS MILLER LANDOWNER and I am a LANDOWNER in CANBERRA County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. [Please insert personal story here- include why you support community solar and how it will benefit you as a resident of the Commonwealth.]

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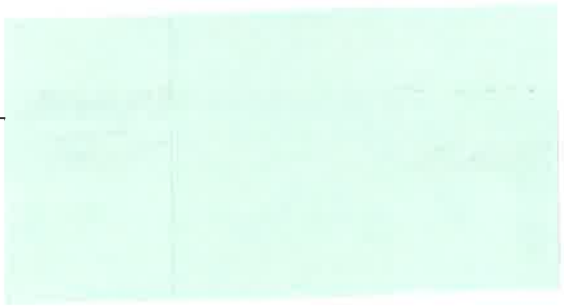
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Date:4-7-21

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: [REDACTED]
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavella, Representative Käufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Elvin Zimmerman and I am a land owner in Fulton County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. I want to support Community Solar in PA because I want to lease a portion of my land to solar so it allows my family to remain in ag. This extra added income will be great to support our farming operation for generations to come.

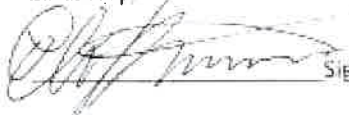
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Date: 4/10/2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Lee and Kim Schlappich
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

We are Lee and Kim Schlappich and we are Farmers in Berks County. We are writing to you to express our support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. We are long term land owners and farmers in Centre Twp. The land we would like to put the solar farm on is marginal at best. We believe the solar farm would generate a steady income for our family and provide some financial stability.

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Date: May 11, 2022

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Kenneth Yoder
RE: **Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472**
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,


I am Kenneth Yoder and I am a landowner in Juniata County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth. As a real estate developer, community solar is a helpful use that helps us diversify the options to produce revenue on our properties. The project will support local electrician and other worker, will produce tax revenue for our community, and will not be a burden on local services.

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Date: ___ 4-1-2022 ___

To: Senate Consumer Protections Committee
From: Matt Rissinger
RE: Support Letter for Community Solar HB-1555 and SB472
CC: Senator Scavello, Representative Kaufer and Representative Millard

Dear Chairman Tomlinson and Members of the Consumer Affairs Committee,

I am Matt Rissinger and I am a landowner in Schuylkill County. I am writing to you to express my support for establishing a community solar market in the Commonwealth.

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...G. Harrison

My brothers Luke and Mark own a small farm. Sadly, Mark passed away last year from prostate cancer. His widow is barely making ends meet on Social Security. We are hoping to not sell the farm by getting lease revenue from solar. Please help us by supporting the Community Solar bill. We really need the help because It's been a long, cold lonely winter. We are looking to the legislature to help brighten us up.

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