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House Environmental Matters Committee  
250 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support House Bill 117, "Real Property - Installation of Solar Panels - Clarification and Solar Easement"**

Dear Chairman McIntosh and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join with other conservation groups in urging your support of House Bill 117, "Real Property - Installation of Solar Panels - Clarification and Solar Easement."

HB 117 removes barriers to residential installation of small-scale solar energy systems. Eliminating this hurdle is key to get these solar projects off the ground.

Greater use of clean, renewable energy like solar will help Maryland curb global warming emissions. Please support HB 117.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schwartz  
Executive Director

*For more than 25 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland's elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.*

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