Maryland's community solar program has the potential to reduce the energy burden of thousands of low- to moderate-income (LMI) Maryland households while generating clean and renewable solar power on developed land, such as rooftops and parking canopies in our cities and towns.

Maryland has had a community solar pilot program since 2017, providing home-owners, renters, and businesses equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy generation, regardless of where they live or their income-level. This bill would make community solar a permanent part of Maryland's solar energy portfolio, and include other improvements to the program.

**CONSOLIDATED BILLING**

A key aspect of the legislation is the inclusion of utility consolidated billing, in which all energy charges are included in one bill from your local utility. Without this, participants in energy assistance programs have found it difficult to become community solar subscribers. We are calling on the utilities to provide consolidated billing to LMI households just as it does to other households in their service area.

**PROMOTING EQUITY**

The proposed bill will call for change the regulations to conform to the Justice 40 directive, requiring all projects to reserve at least 40% of their created energy for low- and moderate-income households, and those in census tracts that are both overburdened and underserved.

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