

Governor Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Intervention by the State of Maryland in Docket EL20-42 at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Dear Governor Hogan,

I am one of the over 2.2 million families and 100,000 businesses who have invested tens of billions of our own dollars in solar energy as a way to secure my energy independence. I currently have a 5,300 kilowatt leased solar array installed on my home and have a 1,000 kilowatt share of Neighborhood Sun's [Panorama Landfill Solar Project](#), which is an innovative demonstration of installing community solar on brownfields. I also am a father of two young children and a dues paying member of the Solar United Neighbors.

Installing solar and leasing solar at Panorama was both a financial and moral choice. Both solar installations save my family money on electrical costs. These choices also allow my family to do our part to reduce criteria air pollutant emissions (oxides of Nitrogen, which in turn leads to creation of ozone, and sulfur dioxide) that exacerbate health problems such as asthma, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Solar panels are particularly well suited for the reduction of harmful air pollution since they produce the most energy during the long hot summer days when it is mostly likely that dirty inefficient peaking power plants operate. Distributed solar has also been found by [Project Drawdown](#) to be one of the ten most effective solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Given that both major metropolitan areas in Maryland are in nonattainment for ozone and that we as a society need to halve our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 it is imperative as Marylanders for us to have control over our energy decisions so Marylanders can act in the best economic interests of our families and act morally to limit our impact on the health of others in the community and on the world lived in by future generations.

A petition has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that asks for a federal takeover of my solar rights. This request would hand over control of local energy policy to the federal government. I urge you to intervene with FERC and insist the Commission deny this petition and let states make their own energy choices.

For almost forty years, states have appropriately had jurisdiction over solar rights. The federal government has no business imposing its will on Maryland families that want to take control over their energy future.

Please help protect our state's right to offer energy choice to families like mine that choose to invest in solar energy. I urge you to call on the relevant state agencies to intervene in Docket EL20-42 at FERC to oppose this attack on our state's ability to set energy policy for its own residents.

Sincerely,



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