

**HB 1370 - State-Funded Construction and Major Renovation Projects - Solar Panels - Requirement
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In Support**

As we face the reality of a warming climate, and as we continually look for solutions to address this issue requiring solar panels to be placed on roofs of new or heavily renovated state and local government buildings only makes sense. First, the government itself should be leading the efforts of combating climate change. I am a member of the Sierra Club and take part in many other environmental advocacy groups and activities, but if the government wants to encourage citizens to be more environmentally conscious, in my opinion, the government has to do everything they can to lead by example. This is a great way to lead by example.

As a volunteer member of the Baltimore County Board of Recreation and Parks I often have discussions with members of the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council, and as a community advocate who regularly attends Baltimore County Council meetings, I often hear the discussions about putting solar panels on farmland. Putting these solar panels on the top of large, expansive rooftops is a way better solution. There is room for them to be placed there. There is an opportunity to even generate money for schools by selling the collected energy into the electrical grid.

To me, there is only things to gain from the passage of HB 1370 and I hope you give it a favorable report and pass it out of committee.

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