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**Testimony on HB298 –
Consideration of Climate and Labor
Economic Matters Committee**

Position: Favorable

Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA) supports HB298.

In houses of worship across Maryland, congregations are setting their own “climate tests” when deciding how to power their sacred spaces. These congregations understand the science of climate change, and recognize that we must act immediately to avoid the worst effects of the climate crisis.

After weighing the effects of fossil fuels on our damaged climate, about two dozen congregations across Maryland have installed solar panels to capture clean energy from above. Many more congregations have purchased clean solar or wind power from an energy provider.

Our Public Service Commission must have that same ability. We need a PSC that is empowered to fully consider the effects of our energy choices on our climate and our workers, and to act accordingly.

We encourage a favorable report on HB298.



Solar congregations in our region, with Maryland congregations shown in green. See the names of these congregations and learn more at <https://ipldmv.org/go-green/solar/>