



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0216 CONDOMINIUMS – COMMON ELEMENTS – CLEAN ENERGY EQUIPMENT

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Charkoudian

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0216 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Maryland needs much more solar power in order to meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals, and also to make our state healthier by getting rid of the toxins that accompany gas infrastructure in our homes. One great place to install solar panels is on condominium roofs. However, the Maryland Condominium Act, in its current state, makes this process difficult. This bill, if enacted, would change those portions of the Maryland Condominium Act that make it difficult for Condominium Associations to install solar panels and other clean energy equipment.

We are relying on our legislators to adjust the portions of previous statutes that stand in the way of our clean energy transition. This is one such statute that needs adjusting in order for us to move forward.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.