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**From:** Liz Feighner <liz.feighner@gmail.com>  
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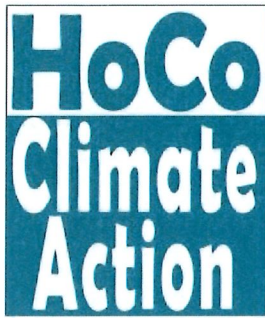
Please accept affidavit and testimony in support of C10-2020 from HoCo Climate Action.

Regards,

Liz Feighner

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*"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our children" ~ Native American Proverb*



## HoCoClimateAction.org Howard County, Maryland

**Testimony on: CB10-2020 - Solar Power Purchase Agreement for Howard County Government**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing Date: March 16, 2020**

[HoCo Climate Action](#), a [350.org](#) local chapter, is a grassroots organization representing more than 1,300 subscribers and a member of the Maryland Climate Coalition and the Howard County Climate Collaboration.

We support CB10-2020, a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Howard County Government operation. This legislation would approve a multiyear Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement between Howard County, MD, and KDC Solar Maryland, LLC or one of its affiliates for the purchase of electric power for a term of 25 years, with the option of renewals. This agreement with KDC Solar is to install solar panels on a combination of county-owned and non-county owned property, including a mix of rooftops, parking canopies, and ground mount installations.

Our organization supports this legislation as a way for the county to meet its renewable energy generation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals without any upfront costs. It also saves the county approximately \$37,605 a year from current negotiated electricity rates. This project would not only allow Howard County to reach its current goals of 20% of electricity from renewables by 2030, but exceed them by getting closer to 30% renewables and the commitment to the Paris Accord that "We Are Still In." The PPA is expected to generate approximately 34,500,000 kWh per year, which is less than half of the annual electricity use for county government operations. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 24,393 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent each year. That is equivalent to taking 5,179 cars off the road each year.

Additionally, our organization supports this project because it includes training for local residents in solar installation, bringing well-paying local jobs in the clean-energy sector. In addition, the solar installations on farms must be compatible with continued farming operations, such as sheep grazing under solar panels or pollinator habitat. This brings guaranteed income for farmers facing huge risks and uncertainty from the climate crisis.

For all these reasons, we urge passage of CB10-2020.

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**Scientists warn of a looming crisis that could have catastrophic effects. Trump and the right wing mock the scientists, dismiss the data, and ditch precautions in order to make more money. Hundreds of thousands die. Support a Climate Emergency Resolution.**

**Thank you.**

**Cynthia Williams  
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