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From: Emily Cohen <emilymirandacohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 11:24 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman
Subject: Testimony in support of SB 152

Hello,

My name is Emily Cohen, and I live in Anchorage, AK. I am writing to you in strong support of Senate Bill #152: Community Energy Facilities - Net Metering.

This bill will be immensely helpful for increasing access to affordable energy for renters like myself, by allowing us to take part in community solar. This will also help our state advance our renewable energy goals and diversify our energy portfolio. I would love this bill to be passed and to be able to take part in community solar for my home.

Thank you,
Emily Cohen

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From: Robin Dublin <radublin907@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: Please support SB 152

Dear Senator Bjorkman, Senator Click and Members of the Labor and Commerce Committee,

My name is Robin Dublin. I am a 30 year resident of Alaska, living in Anchorage, with plans to live my life out here. I am a home owner and own a rental property. I wholeheartedly support Senate Bill 152 Community Energy Facilities: Net Metering. Installing solar on our home and our duplex is expensive and having the ability to pursue community solar is an extremely attractive option that would move our home and rental neighborhoods and the rest of Anchorage towards energy independence and sustainability in a time of energy and climate uncertainty.

This week, I was skiing on the wetlands of Turnagain Arm and while it was stunning, there was also a brown haze of pollution in front of Fire Island and the city. It was a visual reminder for me of how we Alaskan's must reduce all forms of pollution and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels in addition to creating a more sustainable and affordable life.

Please support SB 152. Thank you for your consideration and the work you do to build a stringer and are independent Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Jesse Bjorkman, Vice-chairman Bishop, and Members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee,

I am writing to support opportunity for community solar contained in SB 152, Community Energy Facilities; Net Metering.

Community solar would be a valuable component to renewable energy development in Alaska. It would make access to solar for households more affordable and practical for those homes and buildings not well suited for roof top solar. It would make solar power possible for Alaskans who rent their home and therefore cannot make decisions how about power is delivered to their building. It also supports those Alaskans who cannot shoulder the upfront cost of individual roof top solar. In these ways SB 152 makes access to solar power more equitable.

My family installed solar panels 15 years ago and it has saved us money every year. Now, with the decline in Cook Inlet gas, enabling many more households access to renewable energy would not only reduce their utility bills, but would contribute to the necessary reduction in our current dependence on Cook Inlet gas.

I urge you to pass SB 152.

Thank you,

Dorothy Childers
Indian, Alaska