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Committee Members,

The continual burning of fossil fuel products for energy is jeopardizing the future of our children and our planet. The increase of warmer temperatures, drought, wildfires, extreme weather events, and flooding has increased insurance rates and costs to states and local municipalities. The importance to switch to renewable energy sourcing to heat and cool buildings and power transportation is paramount. HB 4080 supports this premise and allows the consumer to be a part of this process.

HB 4080 allows solar panels to be used by renters, homeowners with shaded or unsuitable roof slopes and citizens who cannot afford. Rooftop solar system. It is an affordable renewable energy product that lets the consumer have a chance at reducing their utility bills. If this bill passes, it is estimated 70% of households would obtain a plug in renewable energy system.

This practice has been used for years in Europe, specifically Germany, and is highly successful. This system would offset peak demand and allow the customer to contribute to the utility process. I urge this committee to support passage of HB 4080. Thank you for your service and consideration.