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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

I strongly support this bill's passage as does my wife. We both believe our state should be doing much more to keep energy affordable and clean. Some are saying that our state is not keeping up with the pace of its future energy needs, probably because of data centers we should not be building. While we are not interested in helping data centers to be built, we are both very supportive of renters and other low-income people being able to quickly decrease their energy costs by "balcony solar" purchases and hook-ups. We pay a lot to rent but the landlord will not put solar on the roof. So we would immediately also purchase this way of lowering our energy costs and help the state not feel pressure to add more fossil-fuel based energy. We must do so much more to prevent climate change and this is one small way to do that.

Europe, especially Germany, and China are so far ahead of the US in this area of portable renewable energy. Why is that? Utah has already approved this in the US and many other states have bills proposed. Let's move quickly on this in this shortened session.

Thank You