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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. This is an absolute win-win policy to make small scale, clean, renewable solar energy affordable, finally!

These are compact solar kits designed to plug into a home's regular 12-V outlet. Very low barriers of not just cost, but also and easy installation and little "technical" complexity.

For renters, they can take it when they move. Their landlords aren't going to install clean renewable solar without the incentives that have just been wiped out. Now they can avoid using dangerous indoor methane gas and / or quadruple their efficiency if they're using resistance heat.

With energy costs skyrocketing and wages flat, saving 10-25% on a typical home's energy bill could mean a lot at a time when the cost of living in general is going up and up!

It's been very popular, and safely used, in western Europe for years... and US rate payers are want to get in on the savings.

The market forces are there. It's going to happen. If Utah can make it legal, so can Oregon. I was listening to a podcast about balcony solar last week and at the time of broadcast 32 states had bills proposing it, with a 33rd calling in during the podcast. Paired with new batteries, these could be a lifesaver during power outages. This policy's time has come.