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April 19, 2023 Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash Columbia, Missouri 65201 Re: Written Testimony to the House Utilities Committee on House Bills 1357 and 1246

To Chairman Bromley and the House Utilities Committee: Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency policy as well as accessibility of all clean energy opportunities to every Missourian, wishes to testify in favor of House Bills 1357 and 1245. The process to identify a fair property tax assessment for solar equipment has been slowed down over the past few years by anti-solar sentiment and money-motivated bureaucrats as well as some elected officials who wish to use taxation as a punitive measure against an industry for which they disagree. However, the legislation before your committee today – while taking separate approaches - is fair to the solar industry, creates regulatory certainty, and provides adequate income for counties who are seeking to recover lost taxes from agriculture. After the Missouri Supreme Court struck down a law providing property tax exemptions for solar equipment (an exemption still enjoyed by thirty-six states), Renew Missouri has engaged with multiple parties to identify an agreeable solution to the current uncertainty faced by solar. Regrettably, some of these parties wish to do away with solar altogether by pushing a tax so high that it would prevent any solar developers from working in this state. This would be akin to the monopoly phone companies in the 1990's trying to tax cell phones out of existence. That would not have benefited the free market then and does not benefit the free market now. In looking at other states for guidance, we find a range of property tax assessment policy that can help educate and guide this Committee as to why HBs 1357 and 1245 are so optimal. Tennessee assesses a property tax of no more than 12.5% of the initial cost of the equipment. This is in line with HB 1357. The tax-and-spend state of Maryland requires a \$2,500 per MW for solar on farmland or \$2,000 on non-farmland. New York and North Dakota assesses a \$500 per MW nameplate assessment. Wisconsin has a \$4,000 per MW nameplate tax, but that money gets divided up between the county and the state governments. The Gerald Ford School of Public Policy conducted a 50-state survey on this issue back in 2021. While the Missouri commentary is no longer accurate, Renew Missouri has concluded the remaining information is. We have emailed a copy to every member of this committee in anticipation of this hearing. These bills are in line with the few remaining states that require property tax assessment on solar equipment as seems to be where Missouri is trending. For the benefit of the solar energy as well as the Renew Missouri respectfully asks for this Committee to vote "yes" on both House Bills 1357 and 1245 so they may be considered by the full body of the House. With respect, James Owen Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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This bill will be a positive for solar energy production in our states and clarify the rights and responsibility of solar energy producers.



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I am opposed to the taxation rates proposed in House Bill 1246. Establishing a reasonable and fair taxation schedule is very important to ensure the future viability of Missouri's counties. Here is my personal story. My husband and I moved to Callaway County in 2004 for family reasons. We built our dream home and farmette on 46 acres of land in a residential/agricultural area. We currently pay 3x the taxes of the average Callaway County home owner. About one month ago, we received a letter from Central Electric informing us that they wish to place a high-voltage transmission line across our land. We are significantly concerned about the infiltration of solar and its associated transmission lines around us. We are concerned for both our personal safety and the potential for environmental contamination that could ultimately land us in a situation where we cannot sell our property. Once solar goes in, our home is no longer in a desirable residential area – our land becomes industrial and our home loses a significant amount of its value. We are not in the habit of making poor financial decisions, so we are in the early stages of planning to move out of Callaway County. What will the impact on the tax revenues be when small acreage residential properties cease to be built and upper middle-class individuals decide not to live in this community? Would any one of you find the views and noise of utility scale solar desirable and build your dream home across the road from a solar operation? Of course not! There will be a few residents who stay because they choose to, but most who stay behind will be there because they have no other reasonable options. Devaluation of property and loss of taxable income will create significant hardships for the remaining residents of Callaway County. The placement of a utility solar operation on agricultural land permanently alters the characteristics and future uses of that land. The correct designation for land use for utility scale solar is industrial. This change in land use greatly impacts surrounding landowners and limits options for future sale and use of their property. Fair taxation can provide funds to support infrastructure and schools, making Callaway County safer and maintaining the quality of life here. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO DELIVER THIS TESTIMONY IN PERSON. I WAITED FOR OVER 2 HOURS IN THE HEARING ROOM, AND WE RAN OUT OF TIME.



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Solar is utility/industrial enterprise and should be fairly taxed as such.



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Economic Impact to Callaway County and Rural Communities: Thank you committee members for allowing me to share my story and I oppose HB1246. I'm Charles Greg Crawford, our family has been farming for 4 generations spanning over nearly 100 yrs. I don't know how many of you grew up in a rural community? The loss of farm revenue is crippling to these communities and the \$1100 per Megawatt (MW) flat rate is asking these communities and counties to indirectly further subsidize solar by not having to pay a fair tax rate. Plus it further penalizes if the land or property is reclassified from agricultural to commercial which would be the case so the rural communities are not even going to receive \$1100 per MW. The rural communities and counties that will lose jobs and businesses plus their tax revenue as a result of the substantial loss of agricultural dollars should expect these solar power plants to be treated like every other industrial commercial or energy business and be taxed at a commercial tax rate of 33.5%. Why should industrial solar be given a special tax benefit that no other commercial businesses are allowed including wind energy? The Federal government is already subsidizing 30-40% with our hard earned tax dollars which can amount to \$50,000 per acre in subsidies according to Wisconsin U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany. The tremendous loss of farm revenue in the rural community will be devastating. So let's consider the 8500 acres in Callaway county which we know are under solar lease agreements. The economic impact for county based on the current grain prices of corn and soybeans and the avg annual yield, the economic loss of gross revenue would be \$5.3 - \$8.6 million** a year. Consider this, the life of these contracts are 30-40 yr. If similar market forces occur the next 20 yrs as the past 20yrs, the county's future economic loss will rise to 2-3 times the present day or \$10.6 - \$25.8 million a year. >> I suspect this loss to be even greater when you factor in the advances in genetics and technology over the life of these contracts. All we are asking for is a fair tax methodology so the affected communities are rightfully compensated and will not go backwards and be worse off. We need these tax dollars to keep our schools solvent and increase teachers' pay, equip our fire departments to be able to respond to these massive solar power plants and help provide other county services. The \$1100 per MW is not fair in my opinion and this is supported by the fact that our local school was offered a PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) that amounted to \$2500 per MW by Ranger Power and in Wisconsin they are getting \$4000 per MW for projects greater than 50 MW. I don't believe Missouri's children's schools and their education should have to sacrifice to accommodate a special tax policy for solar. I am requesting the committee members to oppose HB1246 because it is not a nondiscriminatory taxation methodology and provides a favorable tax benefit to solar that isn't available to any other commercial business. Thank you.



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Tax breaks and subsidies were provided to these companies to build these farms, amounting to millions of dollars. There is no good reason why a reasonable amount of that money should not go into the counties that will have to deal with extra costs or loss of tax revenue affiliated with them. Will more firefighters with special equipment need to be added? Will costly special training to fight chemical fires be necessary? How much will the county lose in property taxes on surrounding property that has lost a significant amount of property value as a result of a solar farm? How much local taxes will the county lose when fewer people choose to live in a county that is full of solar panels? All of these questions should be considered and the long-term revenue losses of around 40 years should be considered in calculating how much a county should receive as a result of having solar farms.



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\$1100 per name plate megawatt hour is less than the PILT Ranger Power offered our school board last summer. Ranger Power has a name plate capacity of 250 MW, so they would owe only \$252,500 in taxes per year.....far less than the PILT Ranger Power threw out at our school board meeting last summer. What does this tell you? It tells me that your bill would give our schools less than 1/2 of what was offered to them. Do you not care about the education of rural communities?



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I strongly oppose HB 1246. The solar companies should be taxed as a **COMMERCIAL** entity which it is, the amount proposed is totally unacceptable. This is a slam to to counties which will have large solar facilities. Please represent the Citizens of MO, NOT the solar companies, they need to pay their fair share as they are taking very productive farm land that feeds this country and turning it into wasteland over the next few years. I can see **NO BENEFITS** to the citizens of MO as no use will come from it and this ridiculous low rate is very demeaning to the Citizens of MO!!!



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Why Industrial scale solar companies need to pay their fair share of taxes.They are and should be treated like any other utility/industry/commercial business. Missouri tax commission defines these companies as just that.They should not be even considered as agricultural by any means. Agricultural property is a different classification according to the tax commission and therefore should not be taxed the same. Taxes for public utilities are at least \$3400.00 and above per rated capacity. Our schools will only suffer if proper taxes are not paid. There needs to be better compensation to these school districts in these communities that will possibly have industrial solar plants near them. A solar company in a Wisconsin community just agreed to pay \$4000.00 per MW capacity so why can't Missouri do the same? Again, the communities in these areas are going to have restricted growth for 30-40 years and the school districts in these communities will suffer because of this unless compensated with 2 to 4 times the amount of taxes this bill is proposing. It's just not right! We have to take care of our schools. It's our future. Please do the right thing and NOT vote in favor of this bill.Thankyou



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We strongly oppose HB1246. This bill is completely an insult to the residents of Callaway County. These rates are not even realistic by solar company standards. This bill will produce almost no taxes for the counties they are invading. These solar fields will cause the loss of crops, many agribusinesses will close, loss of property values and the list goes on. These companies should be taxed as commercial companies because that's what they are. Not a low ball amount like HB1246 which penalizes the counties that need the tax dollars. Please represent the citizens of Missouri and not solar corporations. Do not pass HB1246.



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My thoughts on "Solar Farms"¹. Due to Line Losses (the farther from generation source to point of use, the more energy is lost overcoming resistance in the transmission lines) the Solar Farms should be near the point of consumption, namely large eastern cities, not hundreds or thousands of miles away.² There is land here available that has already been raped and permanently ruined for agriculture by earlier unscrupulous energy companies. Let the companies wanting to install solar farms do so on these ruined lands. The reclamation of the strip-mined coal pits would be more costly than building on good agricultural land but not prohibitively so. This reclaimed land would then be once again productive, and without using good cropland.³ Solar Farms should be taxed at a rate that would increase the income to the county and state, more than replacing the taxes from current agribusinesses. Let the 'customers' pay the full cost of 'cheap' solar energy.⁴ Set up decommissioning funds, as was done with nuclear power sites. There will be large costs associated with reclaiming these lands after the solar farms are removed. The land will take extensive work to return it to the highly productive cropland it now is. Thank you for your kind attention.

Robert Whitaker
 Fulton, MO



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