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To Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Please support House Bill 2574, regarding a community solar pilot program. I work for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization in Kansas City, running an arm of the program that works to make rooftop solar power affordable for low-income homeowners in Northeast KCMO where we are located. It has been a lot of hard work to design, secure funding, and implement a program that offers affordable solar power to low-income homeowners. I am thankful for the people we have been able to help and the people we will help, but it has been frustrating to come to the realization that the majority of homeowners I talk to are people we truly cannot help. Just last week, I conducted a site assessment for a homeowner who is very interested in generating his own electricity, but upon my visit, I confirmed what I suspected after a quick online look at his roof: solar didn't make sense for him. His four roof faces didn't offer room for enough modules, and two shade trees in his yard made constructing a solar shade structure impractical. Many homeowners—in fact, I would say the majority of homeowners—who inquire about solar do not qualify. Their roofs are either too shaded or are constructed in such a way that the roof can't fit enough modules to generate enough electricity to justify such an installation. And my organization only works with homeowners; I don't even work with the more than one in three Missourians who don't own their own roof and so can't install a rooftop solar power system. Missouri lags behind other States in regards to community solar; we don't have a community solar program yet, and I've realized through my job that we absolutely need one. We need one so that people like the gentleman I visited last week, and renters everywhere across the State, can access the same benefits of solar power as those homeowners lucky enough to have a solar-worthy roof. But we also need a community solar program for many other reasons as well. We need a more decentralized grid to encourage resilience against extreme weather and cyberattacks, and an investment in community solar is an investment in grid resilience. We need a more free market-based system than the one currently in place through which utilities can charge a premium for electricity, and an investment in community solar is an investment in the free market. And we need more job opportunities for Missourians, and creating a robust community solar program would create jobs across the State. An investment in community solar is an investment in the economy of Missouri. Please vote for House Bill 2574 so that Missouri may continue to be a leader in the Midwest and the best place to live in the United States. With respect, Adam Rossi



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April 3rd, 2024  
 Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash St. Columbia, Missouri 65201  
 Re: Written Testimony to the House Utilities Committee re: HB 2574  
 To Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee,  
 Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in support of House Bill 2574. By creating a law that would establish a Community Solar Pilot, multiple issues facing our energy crisis in our nation could be addressed. One issue is energy infrastructure. Having a massive grid makes customers susceptible to outages from extreme weather and cyberattacks. A centralized grid where power is produced hundreds of miles away requires big, expensive transmission lines. The political will to support such projects is uneven at best. Massive generation projects often take years after government approval is received and construction commences, leading to massive cost overruns. Decentralizing a portion of our state's grid could reduce these risks. Some say we need to make it easier for customers to make power closer to where it is used. Heading down this path, under current law, suggest our state should encourage rooftop solar. But what happens if your roof doesn't face south or west where the sun shines the most? Or maybe you're one of the 34% of Missourians who don't own your roof because you rent. If Missouri is seeking solutions to making sure all forms of power are available to all customers, community solar will help. Utilities will say we do not need independent companies providing this opportunity. They already offer community solar subscriptions, they argue. Sure, but at a premium. Despite the fact solar is cheaper to generate than other forms of power. The community solar bill will allow create a free market based system which will create competition and innovation in an industry that desperately needs it. This will drive down costs for all ratepayers and create economic development across the state. It's a win for customers looking for energy independence and lower utility bills. It's a win for the grid. And it's a win for our communities. Please vote for House Bill 2574 so we may work on making solar more accessible and affordable to Missouri's economy. Thank you. With respect,  
 James Owen  
 Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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April 1, 2024 Chairman Bob Bromley House Utilities Committee Missouri House of Representatives 201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 401-A Jefferson City MO 65101 Dear Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 2574 would establish a community solar pilot program that would benefit Missouri's people and environment. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to support HB 2574. This bill establishes a community solar pilot program in which each retail electric provider shall implement a 3-year community solar pilot program. Community solar is an easy answer for customers who want to generate solar energy without installing solar panels on their homes or businesses. The bill also ensures that everyday Missourians would benefit from solar. This bill requires at each community solar facility at least ten percent of the subscribers be low-income customers and twenty percent be residential customers. Creating this option would not only benefit the property owners who wish to utilize solar energy, but also the solar industry in Missouri, which creates jobs and augments Missouri's economy. Additionally, solar energy is an important resource we should continue to support in Missouri, given the resources we predominantly rely on for energy in the state are nonrenewable. Solar energy helps Missouri be more resilient and self-sufficient. Furthermore, solar energy benefits all Missourians by improving air and water quality via a reduction in harmful outputs from coal-based energy sources and carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "yes" on HB 2574 in order to provide property owners' with more freedom, promote Missouri's economy and safeguard the health of Missouri's people and environment. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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Chairman Bromley, Vice-Chair Keathley, Ranking Minority Member Ingle, and Committee Members: My name is Steve W. Chriss, and I am Senior Director, Utility Partnerships, for Walmart Inc. I am writing you today in regards to House Bill 2574, which would enable Missouri utility customers the choice to access renewable energy and reduce their energy costs while attracting investment and jobs to the state. Walmart has made a large investment in Missouri, with over 46,000 associates at 156 retail stores and four distribution centers. Additionally, Walmart supports Missouri businesses. In our fiscal year ending 2024, we spent \$9.3 billion with 1,005 Missouri-based suppliers, supporting over 69,000 supplier jobs in the state. Walmart is also working to make clean energy accessible and affordable for our customers and members, and we have committed to unlock 2 GW of new community solar projects around the United States. As an example, we recently announced our investment in seven community solar projects in Illinois and New York, which will serve low-to-moderate income households, public schools, and religious institutions, among others. House Bill 2574 creates a community solar market to enable Walmart and others to invest in new generation resources in Missouri and bring the energy cost benefits to the state's residents, institutions, and businesses, and bring investment and jobs to the state's economy. The framework proposed in the bill is well-constructed and appropriately moderated to consider a broad array of interests throughout the community solar deployment process. By deferring to the Public Service Commission to set program rules and bill credit levels, the framework invites utility and stakeholder engagement in the process to balance costs and benefits while enabling the successful deployment of community solar. Walmart believes the bill could be strengthened even further with two small modifications. First, extending the pilot program timeline to at least five years will provide sufficient time for the required Commission consideration of program rules and the ramp up of the business activities to secure solar projects and subscribers, and the Commission should be granted the authority to extend the program at the end of the term. Second, in developing the program rules, require the Commission provide equity in the value of solar generation between existing net metering customers per Section 386.890 RSMo and community solar subscribers. Walmart enthusiastically supports passage of House Bill 2574 and Walmart thanks the Committee for its time and consideration. Regards, Steve W. Chriss Senior Director, Utility Partnerships Walmart Inc.





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