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March 10 th , 2025Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc.501 Fay Street, Suite 206Columbia, Missouri 65201Re: Testimony to the House Emerging Issues Committee re: HB 662To Chairman Christ and Members of the Committee,Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify insupport of House Bill 662. 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 tooutages from extreme weather and cyberattacks. A centralized grid where power is producedhundreds of miles away requires big, expensive transmission lines. The political will to supportsuch projects is uneven at best. Massive generation projects often take years after governmentapproval is received and construction commences, leading to massive cost overruns.Decentralizing a portion of our state's grid with community solar could reduce these risks.Some also say we need to make it easier for customers to make power closer to where it is used.Following this rationale under our current law would suggest our state should encourage rooftopsolar. 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. IfMissouri 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. Theyalready offer community solar subscriptions, they argue. However, their currently offeredsubscriptions are significantly marked up at a premium. Despite the fact solar is cheaper togenerate than other forms of power. The community solar bill will permit a free market-basedsystem 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 thegrid. It's a win for our communities.Please vote for House Bill 662 so we may work on making solar more accessible and affordableto Missouri's economy. We thank Representative Keathley for sponsoring the legislation andthank you for considering it.With respect,James Owen/Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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March 10, 2025
Chairman Brad Christ
House Emerging Issues Committee
Missouri House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 415-B
Jefferson City MO 65101
Dear Chairman Christ 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. 662 would establish a community solar pilot program that would benefit Missouri's people and environment. Therefore, we respectfully ask you to support HB 662. 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, Allowing local control of solar power would make safe, clean, renewable energy more affordable and accessible to all Missourians. Effective community solar legislation ensures you do not have to live in a high income household to enjoy the sufficiency benefits of solar. MCE supports requiring each community solar facility at least ten percent of the subscribers be low-income customers. Further, decreased reliance on coal and gas will increase energy independence community solar projects generate energy right here in Missouri. All Missourians would benefit from improved air and water quality as a result of reduced reliance on coal-and gas-based energy sources. Unlike coal powered electricity or gas, solar power does not release greenhouse gasses that continue to warm our atmosphere and contribute to deadly annual heat waves. Community solar will allow Missourians to breathe, drink, and live easier. Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks you to vote "yes" on HB 662 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, JDDirector of Policy & Strategy Missouri Coalition for the Environmentmvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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Chair Hardwick, Vice-Chair Diehl, Ranking Member Aune, and Members of the CommitteeGood afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of Representative Keathley's House Bill 662 – A bill that allows for a Community Solar Pilot Program in Missouri. My name is Sid Shah, and I serve as the Policy Director for Nautilus Solar Energy. Nautilus is a proud New Jersey-based company that owns and operates one of the nation's largest fleets of Community Solar projects, totaling over 400 MWs of generation capacity spread across more than 100 projects in 10 states. Community Solar plays a crucial role in our energy landscape, offering a unique solution for individuals and businesses who are unable or choose not to install solar panels on their own properties. This model ensures that everyone, regardless of financial status or location, can access cleaner energy and enjoy savings on their utility bills. Nautilus currently serves 40,000 subscribers, providing them with an average savings of ten percent on their annual energy bills. Community Solar also empowers farmers and local communities. For farmers, it provides an additional source of income, helping them to diversify their revenue streams and maintain their agricultural operations. Local communities benefit from Community Solar through increased tax revenue and economic development opportunities. Moreover, Community Solar projects are managed locally, allowing local authorities to make decisions that best align with the needs and values of their communities when permitting these projects. Nautilus is proud to be a part of this movement, empowering farmers, and local communities across the country. Community Solar is known to aid in farmland preservation. By providing an alternative revenue stream for landowners, Community Solar projects can reduce the financial pressure to sell farmland for development. Development on contaminated and polluted lands also eases the pressure of farmland conversion. Installing solar panels on less productive farmland allows landowners to maintain agricultural use while generating additional income from solar energy production. This approach also allows fallow or unused land to regenerate over time, contributing to the overall health of the land. Finally, Nautilus is building new Community Solar projects in Illinois' Ameren territory and has greatly scaled its operations in Illinois. This growth is a true testament to the program, which has been ongoing since 2017. We have developed a strong relationship with the utility to build Community Solar projects and are excited about the progress we have made. Nautilus looks forward to establishing a similar successful utility partnership in Missouri as we continue to expand our commitment to home grown energy solutions. In conclusion, Community Solar is a vital component of our energy future, offering accessible, affordable, and community-driven solutions. We look forward to your support of this legislation and welcome any questions. Thank you.



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I am Opposed to this Bill at this Time. This Bill NEEDS additional vetting, discussion and debate.



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