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Representative Laurie Pohutsky
Chair of House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: Letter in Support of House Bill 5028

Dear Representative Pohutsky and Members of the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee:

I am writing to ask for your support for House Bill 5028, sponsored by Representative Puri that would prohibit Homeowner Associations from denying the right of homeowners to install their own solar energy system on their home.

Homeowners have had the right to install their own solar energy system since 2008, to generate solar electricity to save money on their electric bills and to contribute to a clean environment by generating renewable energy that does not pollute. Homeowner Associations and their Agreements that a new resident must abide by when they move into one of these neighborhoods, is taking that right and option away and that is unacceptable and contrary to state policy.

Solar energy systems can be installed in a very tasteful manner that is esthetically pleasing and is respectful of the surrounding neighbors. At a time when homeowners, business and even the large utilities are all transitioning to solar energy, because it is less expensive to generate electricity with solar and contributes to a cleaner environment, it is no longer acceptable that Homeowner Associations can prevent homeowners from installing their own solar energy system.

Thirty states have passed laws that prohibit Homeowner Associations from stopping the installation of solar. These are generally referred to as Solar Access laws. Michigan needs to pass Rep. Puri's bill to join the other 30 states to make sure that all homeowners have the right and option to install their own solar energy system to save money and support a clean environment.

As an organization of homeowners and solar installers, we support the rights of all Michigan homeowners to install their own solar energy system, as intended by Michigan law since 2008.

I thank you for consideration and support.

Very truly yours,

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