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Via email to: broae@pahousegop.com

Honorable Brad Roae
Majority Chairman, Consumer Affairs Committee
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Via email to: rmatzie@pahouse.net

Honorable Robert Matzie
Democratic Chairman, Consumer Affairs Committee
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Support of H.B. 531

Dear Representative Roae and Representative Matzie:

Thank you for scheduling a committee hearing on community solar for 1 September 2020, and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. On behalf of Presque Isle Audubon in Erie, I respectfully urge you to support H.B. 531 and to call for a vote in committee at the earliest possible date. H.B. 531 community solar will make a new market for solar energy, create more clean energy jobs, increase the supply of clean energy, help recovery of bee populations (as solar installations now include native plants and pollinator-friendly habitat), and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. All of these positive features will improve habitat for birds, which is one of our organization's main goals.

We urge you as Majority Chairman and Democratic Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee to support H.B. 531 and to call for a vote in committee at the earliest possible date. Thank you again for the opportunity to present this testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan Murawski, President
Presque Isle Audubon Society