February 7, 2018

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta
Public Utility Commission
Bureau Director’s Office
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

This letter serves as my public comment for M-2017-2631527, legislation that I am sponsoring with Senator Mario Scavello which seeks to enhance solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) in Pennsylvania by “closing the borders” on credit purchases from out-of-state electric distributors.

I agree with Senator Scavello’s comments that were submitted regarding the importance of maintaining the language set forth in Act 40 of 2017 to ensure that the law’s intent is fulfilled.

I believe it is our responsibility to find both initiatives and solutions that will help Pennsylvania remain competitive with its neighboring states and stay up-to-date with the current trends we are seeing – in this case, the use of alternative energy sources such as solar energy. By closing the borders and requiring electric distributors to purchase SRECs in Pennsylvania, we can accomplish these goals.

It is important to note that other states have already closed their borders with regards to SRECs, and given the fact that Pennsylvania has both the ability to provide systems in-state that can sell these credits, it also has the capability to produce the appropriate supply of SRECs to provide to consumers and businesses across the state.

By preserving the language and intent that is already established in Act 40 of 2017, we can produce positive results that will boost Pennsylvania’s economy, generate revenue and support jobs right here in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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