

Nov. 10, 2012

The Honorable Robert Godshall, Chairman  
Members of the House Consumer Affairs Committee  
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Dear Chairman Godshall and Committee Members:

On behalf of Walmart Stores, Inc. ("Walmart"), I am writing to express our opposition to House Bill 1580. It is my understanding that the bill is scheduled to be reviewed by the House Consumer Affairs Committee on January 11, 2012.

Currently, Walmart has 189 solar projects, 26 fuel cell projects, and 8 wind projects either completed, in the construction phase, or involved in design and permitting. Although exact locations are currently confidential information, we are planning large expansions in the eastern part of the country. House Bill 1580 has the potential to greatly slow those plans and perhaps, in some instances, stop them completely. The relevant portion of House Bill 1580 that I am referring to is contained in the following excerpt:

Section 4. (b). This portion of the bill states: Solar photovoltaic technology.—To meet the requirements of this , all solar photovoltaic technology registered after January 1,2012 shall directly deliver the electricity it generates to the distribution system operated by an electric distribution company operating within this Commonwealth and currently obligated to meet the compliance requirements contained in this act.

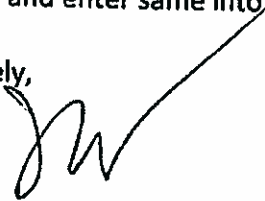
Walmart has an aspirational goal of being supplied by 100% renewable energy. Given the wording of this section of the proposed bill, attainment of our goal would be made much more difficult.

There are other ways electric distribution companies can meet their compliance requirements without forcing the owner or owner of the on-site location of a solar system to feed their power back onto the grid. The simplest of these solutions is to allow or require the owner of the system or the owner of the location of the system to sell the credits generated from the on-site solar system to the entity that is required to meet the standard while being allowed to keep the electricity generated from the system.

There are currently a number of retailers that have similar goals as Walmart. To deny these entities the opportunity to achieve these goals could have the impact of actually slowing solar growth in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Walmart respectfully requests that you consider this letter our formal testimony on this matter and enter same into the record as such.

Sincerely,



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