



SUPPORT

S. 2837 (O'Mara)

Solar Panel Collection Act

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 2837, which would ensure proper collection and disposal of solar panels.

New York State has adopted the ambitious goal of obtaining fifty percent of its energy from renewable sources by year 2030. With this goal, a large percentage of that renewable energy is going to have to come from solar energy, which will result in an increase in demand for solar panels. New York State is already working to provide solar energy to homes and on campaigning for communities to work together in adopting solar power.

However with all of this development underway there has been little attention given to the proper disposal of solar panels. Solar panels contain many similar materials as other electronics when it comes to disposal. Just as laptops and cell phones can have hazardous materials in them that should be recycled, so do solar panels.

S. 2837 would require solar panel manufacturers to set up collection programs to ensure that hazardous solar panel materials do not enter landfills and are disposed of properly. Additionally this program will be free and easily accessible.

For these reasons the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) urges passage of S. 2837

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