



SUPPORT

S. 2837/A. 7757 (O'Mara/Englebright)

Solar Panel Collection Act

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 2837/A. 7757, 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. A large percentage of that renewable energy will 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 campaigning for communities to work together in adopting solar power.

However, as solar has spread there has been little attention given to the proper disposal of solar panels. Solar panels contain similar materials to other electronics that must be taken into account when they are disposed of. Just as laptops and cell phones can have hazardous materials in them that should be recycled, so too do solar panels.

S. 2837/A. 7757 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. This program will be free and easily accessible.

For these reasons the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of S. 2837/A. 7757.

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