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Ways & Means Capital Construction Subcommittee:

As legislators with portions of our district including Jackson County, we wanted to share our support for the Capital Project Request submitted by Senator Golden for the **Jackson County Justice Building solar panel system**.

The total project cost is approximately **\$700,000**, inclusive of engineering, permitting, and contingencies. Based on the analysis, the system is projected to **reduce electricity costs by approximately 25%**, which exceeds our initial expectations. The rooftop design maximizes available space, with panels installed on racking systems to achieve optimal orientation given the flat roof configuration.

At an estimated savings of \$2,500 per month or \$30,000 annually, the project would generate approximately \$300,000 in savings over ten years. These savings would be directly reinvested into the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.

By way of context, this building houses the **State Courts**, for which counties are statutorily required to provide facilities. Counties also bear the full cost of operating and maintaining these buildings. For the Justice Building, annual operating expenses are approximately \$1 million, and sustaining these costs has become increasingly challenging. This project represents a practical, forward-looking investment that would reduce operating pressures while improving long-term fiscal sustainability.

We believe this proposal aligns well with the state's priorities around cost containment, infrastructure stewardship, and energy efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration:

Rep. Kim Wallan

Rep. Emily McIntire

Rep. Alek Skarlatos

Sen. Diane Linthicum