

February 17, 2023

Re: HB908

Dear Economic Matters Committee Members,

As a longtime resident of Howard County and host of a solar facility on my farm, I write to support the creation of a permanent community solar program in Maryland.

My family has owned our farm in Sykesville for 85 years. I was approached several years ago with the opportunity to host a solar system on my property. The Metalmark Solar Project now provides enough solar energy to power more than 400 homes each year. This enables my neighbors and residents to lower their utility bill while also providing me with a consistent form of revenue. The income from the solar project will allow me to keep the farm in my family for generations to come while also benefiting my community with clean energy.

Solar farms generate more than just power: they create savings for residents, generate tax revenue, and help meet the state's renewable energy target. I urge the committee to pass HB908 and bring more clean energy to the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buck Warfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Buck Warfield

Sykesville, Maryland