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## **HB1407 - County Tier 1 Renewable Sources – Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation – Prohibition, Studies, and Plans**

### **SUPPORT**

Carrington & Associates, LLC is writing to express our support for HOUSE BILL 1407, which addresses crucial aspects of County Tier 1 Renewable Sources, focusing on generating systems, capacity, and generation. This bill presents a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to advancing renewable energy goals within our communities and the state of Maryland.

Key points of support for HOUSE BILL 1407 include:

1. **Promoting Renewable Energy Development:** By prohibiting counties from establishing zoning laws that restrict or prohibit Tier 1 renewable source generating systems, the bill encourages the development and operation of renewable energy facilities. This stance aligns with the imperative to transition towards cleaner and more sustainable energy sources.
2. **Strategic Planning through Studies:** The bill mandates studies by the Public Service Commission and individual counties to assess electricity demand, required capacity, and energy generation from Tier 1 renewable sources. This data-driven approach ensures that renewable energy goals are aligned with the actual needs of each county, fostering a strategic and realistic implementation plan.
3. **Oversight and Compliance:** The establishment of a Renewable Energy Compliance and Oversight Plan by the Public Service Commission, coupled with a 10-year Tier 1 Renewable Source Generation Plan for each county, provides a robust framework for monitoring progress and ensuring compliance. This structured approach helps to track milestones, address challenges, and keep counties on target to achieve renewable energy requirements.
4. **Regional Cooperation:** Recognizing the potential benefits of regional cooperation, the bill allows counties to collaborate on a regional basis to achieve renewable energy goals. This flexibility acknowledges the interconnected nature of energy systems and encourages efficient resource utilization.
5. **Support for Local Economies:** The bill, by allowing counties to attract outside investment and establish incentives, supports local economies. It provides an avenue for economic growth through the development and utilization of renewable energy resources, potentially creating jobs and fostering innovation within each community.
6. **Assistance and Expertise:** Acknowledging the complexity of renewable energy projects, the bill allows counties to seek assistance from state units with expertise in renewable energy generation, deployment, and financing. This collaborative approach enhances the likelihood of successful and sustainable projects.

In conclusion, HOUSE BILL 1407 represents a forward-thinking and pragmatic approach to advancing renewable energy initiatives at the county level. Its provisions ensure a balance between environmental goals and the unique characteristics of each community. We respectfully request a FAVORABLE report for HB1407, recognizing its potential to contribute significantly to Maryland's renewable energy portfolio and the broader goals of sustainable and responsible energy development.