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The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: HB1407 - County Tier 1 Renewable Sources - Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation - Prohibition, Studies, and Plans OPPOSITION

Dear Chairman Wilson,

Please consider this letter of opposition for House Bill 1407. This bill establishes a clear path for the preemption of local zoning authority by restricting and prohibiting local zoning laws that regulate the construction or operation of Tier 1 renewable source generating systems or facilities.

Additionally, prohibiting a local jurisdiction's authority to zone such a wide range of uses ranging from solar energy to poultry litter and waste to energy systems simply cannot be supported or justified. There are resounding unintended consequences of usurping local zoning authority for methane, poultry litter, waste, refuse, and raw wastewater sources, as well as solar, wind, geothermal, and hydroelectric sources.

Thank you for the opportunity to oppose this legislation.

Respectfully,

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