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To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of SB 281 - Renewable Energy Development and Siting (REDS) – Evaluations and Tax and Fee Exemptions**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 281, legislation that would allow the Maryland Department of the Environment to waive the fees and requirements for remediation of brownfields, landfills and other contaminated properties if clean or renewable electrical generation sites are being created as long as they are not causing a disturbance to the soil that could cause a negative environmental impact.

Maryland Farm Bureau Policy: We encourage that brownfields, and urban areas be utilized to assist with the clean energy mandate in lieu of prime and productive farmland.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 281 & ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT

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