

CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

William T. Martin

January 19, 2022

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary Chair, Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Madam Chair and the Honorable Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

RE: Oppose HB 76- Community Solar Energy Generating Systems – Exemption from Energy and Property Taxes

The City of Havre de Grace opposes House Bill 76. If passed, the bill would eliminate the city's authority to tax energy associated with the production of electricity by a community solar energy generating system under certain circumstances.

The legislation would reduce the taxing authority of municipalities; therefore, the City of Havre de Grace opposes HB 76 and respectfully request the committee give the bill an unfavorable report.

William T. Martin

Mayor, City of Havre de Grace