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Maryland General Assembly Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 470 – Natural Resources – Land Conservation – Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful Act)

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 470 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This bill is being used to promote the Agenda 2030/2040 goal as set by the United Nations, that very few citizens agree with, including us.

Under the guise of "land conservation" this bill would further restrict huge percentages of land to development of any kind. This would mean that an individual or family could not purchase certain lands to have a peaceful, remote location on which to live and raise a family, or grow their own food among other things.

It is a means to force people to live in areas designated by the government and would increase the populations densities in those areas. This is insanity and not what the citizens of this State desire.

It is more government overreach that will restrict basic freedoms of movement and the right to live where we please. It also increases government spending by millions of dollars over time and furthers the climate change agenda. It is time that the government stops this incessant push to control us.

Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers