



HoCoClimateAction.org
Howard County, Maryland

Testimony in Opposition of – SB447 - Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup

Hearing Date: Feb 15, 2023

Bill Sponsor: Senators Carozza, Hester, and Gallion

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Submitting: Howard County Climate Action

Position: Oppose

HoCo Climate Action is a 350.org local chapter and a grassroots organization representing almost 1,400 advocates, and a member of [the Climate Justice Wing](#) of the [Maryland Legislative Coalition](#).

We have concerns about [SB447 - Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup](#). We have extreme concerns about the makeup of the workgroup – no environmental, health scientists or Environmental Justice groups are included – mainly industry proponents. –And at least one of the groups listed wasn't even consulted about the workgroup. This proposed workgroup is definitely not balanced and voices of local communities with environmental justice concerns are not being represented. We also question why this workgroup is being formed since the state has spent money on two studies ([Financial Feasibility done by UMD](#) and [Permitting guidance for AD facilities](#)) that were already completed.

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