

Testimony OPPOSED to HB847 Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup

Dear Chairman Barve and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Section 1 of this bill in paragraph (f) indicates that the Workgroup shall study the process of anaerobic digestion; and make recommendations regarding the requirements for the responsible construction and efficient operation of an anaerobic digestion facility. It is obviously a foregone conclusion that this workgroup's purpose is to approve the construction of anaerobic digestion facilities, without regard to the harm which they would cause to the environment of Maryland.

Anaerobic digestion of chicken manure produces methane gas, which is an extremely potent greenhouse gas, and other toxic gases which will be burnt contaminating our atmosphere. There is no need for anaerobic digestion facilities in Maryland because composting facilities can process chicken manure in an environmentally friendly manner that avoids the generation of greenhouse gases and other toxic emissions.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland will be impacted by sea level rise before most of the rest of Maryland and it is essential for Maryland to do everything possible to reduce greenhouse gas emissions which cause global warming that will contribute significantly to sea level rise.

My waterfront home is located on the coastal bays of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. My home's existence and value are threatened by rising sea levels. Your passage of this bill will help protect me and my family from future harm.

Respectfully,

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