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The Honorable C. T. Wilson
The Honorable Brian M. Crosby
Economic Matters Committee
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1407 - County Tier 1 Renewable Sources – Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation – Prohibition, Studies, and Plans
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:


The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously oppose HB 1407 - County Tier 1 Renewable Sources – Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation – Prohibition, Studies, and Plans. The Hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 29, 2024.


It is our understanding that this legislation is Prohibiting counties from establishing zoning laws or other regulations that restrict or prohibit the construction or operation of Tier 1 renewable source generating systems or facilities; requiring the Public Service Commission to study the electricity demand in each county and determine the amount of capacity of, and energy generation from, Tier 1 renewable sources needed in each county for the State to meet certain renewable energy portfolio standard requirements; etc.

The control of zoning is the fundamental right for County governments and local jurisdiction must have control over the development of our lands to ensure it is done in harmony with our local landscape. Cecil County strongly opposes this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Economic Matters Committee send an unfavorable report on HB 1407.

Sincerely,


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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council