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To: Maryland Legislature

I am opposed to the proposed bill <u>HB1036/SB931</u> that would allow state government to override local or county zoning laws to approve solar energy projects.

This bill threatens to take prime farmland out production and undermine local authority over solar projects.

Maryland is already losing thousands of acres of farmland each year, and this heavy-handed legislation has the chance to take even more out of production.

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