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The Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Letter of Opposition for House Bill 1036** – Renewable Energy Certainty Act

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

Cecil County Government stands united in opposition to HB 1036, which represents a significant blow to the autonomy and authority of local government regarding how solar projects are developed in Maryland. HB 1036 is a one-size-fits-all piece of legislation that never ends well. Good governance dictates that the specific needs of local jurisdictions must be considered by the independently elected officials our voters choose to represent them and their interests. What may be good for one county or region may not be good for Cecil County and it is imperative that we remain accountable to our voters as to the infrastructure being placed in their backyards, which could have a negative impact on the environment, land use, property values, and our rural character.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to look **unfavorably** on HB 1036.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Adam Streight, written in a cursive style.

Adam Streight
County Executive

A blue ink signature of Al Miller, written in a cursive style.

Al Miller
Council President