

## SB955

I would strongly urge this Committee to support SB955. I am writing as a farm owner whose land is in an agricultural preservation district in Frederick County, to protect it from future development and remain an agriculture production farm forever. Currently, we are unable to build a house or any commercial enterprise, including solar on our land. Using eminent domain to build anything, including an overhead powerline breaks our preservation agreement. Also, to make matters worse, this would make all preservation contracts worthless because a commercial enterprise can override the intent of Agricultural Preservation. Please support SB955 to keep our agriculture districts intact, and keep agriculture strong and viable in Maryland for the future.