



January 21, 2025

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RE: SB0189: Eminent Domain – Ag and Conservation Easements – Prohibited Taking

The Sparks Glencoe Community Planning Council (SGCPC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the rural character of northern Baltimore County by encouraging land preservation, and by protecting the reservoir watershed system that lies within the organization's boundaries. Through newsletters, public meetings, and hearings, the SGCPC has over 400 members and seeks to inform and educate both the public and the government about the necessity of:

- conserving farmland and green infrastructure,
- preserving clean drinking water in our reservoirs,
- and keeping growth in accord with the level of public services available in the area.

We strongly support *SB0189: Eminent Domain – Ag and Conservation Easements – Prohibited Taking* sponsored by Senators Brooks and Hettleman as it would prohibit the State from taking certain property that is subject to permanent agricultural or conservation easement, generally relating to eminent domain.

We appreciate you taking our input into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelo Otterbein", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Angelo Otterbein
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