

Testimony regarding HB1024 Delegate Rose, Economic Matters Committee

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We are in favor of and support HB1024 which prohibits eminent domain for taking of land which is in agricultural preservation or has a conservation easement upon it. Our property is in the proposed line of the MPRP project and we have been granted by the state of Maryland a MALPF preservation easement for the property. We also have a CREP easement for conservation lands which this project would potentially cross as well. Eminent domain for a project like this is inconsistent and likely unlawful for properties which have been granted agricultural protected status by the State of Maryland. Therefore we support HB1024 and thank you for your approval and passage of it to protect the citizens of the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Frank & Vanessa Vleck