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Written Testimony in Favor of HB1267—Economic Matters

Patuxent Research Refuge and Beltsville Ag Research Center—Zoning Classification
(Protecting Patuxent Research Refuge Act)

To Economic Matters Committee,

I'm in support of HB1267. The PRR and BARC were called the Green Lungs of the Chesapeake by Se. Sarbannes years ago. Not only have these places supported the essential work of scientists and researchers for many years, but they also protect biodiversity and support the ecosystem services that foster healthy communities. We need them to be kept intact and for their roles to be strengthened, not diminished.

HB 1267 should receive a favorable vote and be moved out of committee.

Sincerely,
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