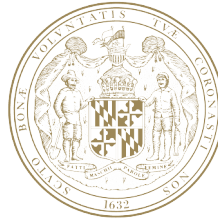


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February 23, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB 460 Solar Energy - Construction of Generating Stations in Priority Preservation Areas and Study.**

This bill would reduce the percentage of priority preservation area acreage that may be used for the construction of solar energy generation stations and require MDE to study the environmental impact of the disposal of solar photovoltaic systems, preserving valuable farmland and supporting the agricultural economy in rural areas.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB 460 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist  
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