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**Testimony in Favor of HB0320**  
**Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit - Rural Legacy Program**

Chair Wilkins, Vice-Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I respectfully request a favorable report of House Bill 320 to enable Anne Arundel County to grant a property tax credit for real property that is located within a Rural Legacy Area *and* for which the property owner has sold development rights under the Rural Legacy Program.

The Rural Legacy Program, operated by the Department of Natural Resources, is one of the State's best tools to help preserve and protect farmland across the State. In Anne Arundel County, our Rural Legacy area comprises over 30,000 acres of pristine agricultural land in the Southern part of our County and through Rural Legacy we have ensured that this land stays preserved for generations to come.

This legislation comes at the request of the Anne Arundel County Agriculture Commission, and is also supported by the Anne Arundel County Delegation – and it will ensure that those property owners who sell development rights and are also in the Rural Legacy Program can be granted a property tax credit to provide meaningful support to those that have helped preserve land for generations to come.

Thank you and once again I respectfully request a favorable report of House Bill 320.