



February 23, 2018

The Honorable Anne Healey  
Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**Re: HB 1692 – Land Use – Solar Electric Generating Facility Siting – Prohibition on Contiguous Parcels of Agricultural Land – Oppose**

Dear Delegate Healey:

House Bill 1692 prohibiting the siting of a solar electric generating facility on contiguous parcels of productive agricultural land that have different owners; and applying the prohibition to charter counties and Baltimore City.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, opposes this bill. While our county is not chartered, we are one of the biggest agricultural land counties in the State and do not feel it is within the State's jurisdictional rights to dictate what a lawful citizen does within their property limits, as long as it is abiding by the confines of the law.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker  
Senator Justin Ready

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