



February 23, 2018

The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton
Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD. 21401

Re: SB 0760 – Land Use – Solar Electric Generating Facility Siting – Prohibition on Contiguous
Parcels of Agricultural Land – **Oppose**

Dear Senator Middleton:

Senate Bill 0760 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: Senator Justin Ready
Delegate Haven Shoemaker