

Subject: Constituent concern — Harford TER solar

Dear [Council Member / Delegate / Senator Last Name],

I am writing as your constituent and a resident of Harford County, MD to make sure you hear directly from me how strongly I oppose the Harford TER Solar complex which proposes to convert approximately 26 acres of farmland at 2901 Rocks Road in Jarrettsville into a 5-megawatt industrial solar facility.

[One short paragraph in your own words: how long you have lived in the area, what you value about Harford County's rural character, and how this project would affect you, your family, your view, your road, your community, your property value, or your access to local farmland.]

What troubles me most is not just this single project. It is that a project like this can move forward at all without Harford County having any meaningful authority over its own zoning. Under recent state legislation — including the 2023 PACE Act, the 2025 Renewable Energy Certainty Act, and PUA § 7-218(h) — Maryland has stripped local governments of the ability to decide where industrial solar facilities belong in our agricultural districts. An out-of-state developer can now convert our prime farmland to permanent industrial use over the objections of the community and inconsistent with HarfordNEXT, our County's own comprehensive plan — and Harford County is almost powerless to stop it.

I am one of many constituents writing you about this. Residents of Jarrettsville and northern Harford County are paying attention, we are organizing, and we are not going to be quiet. I am asking the elected officials who represent us — at the county level and at the state level — to:

Speak publicly and forcefully against this project, on the record and on whatever platform you have, so that the Public Service Commission and the State of Maryland hear that the people of Harford County are not in favor of it.

Stand with Harford County in demanding that meaningful local zoning authority over agricultural and rural land be restored, so that decisions about where industrial facilities belong are made by the people who live with the consequences.

Thank you for your time and for representing Harford County.

Respectfully,

[Your name]

[Street address, town, ZIP]

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