

Governor Moore,

As of June 9, 2026, in just 5 days, more than 500 residents of Jarrettsville and the farming communities of northern Harford County have signed a petition (<https://c.org/WjnghcGp2X>) opposing the conversion of ag-zoned land into industrial solar facilities. The number of petitioners is growing by the hour. This is not isolated opposition. IT IS A REFERENDUM.

Your administration championed the Renewable Energy Certainty Act of 2025, stripping counties of meaningful zoning authority over solar siting. You promised it would accelerate Maryland's clean energy future. Instead, it hands our most finite strategic resource, our farmland, to out-of-state developers while telling the families beside these projects that their voices no longer matter.

In my community, that developer has used loopholes to bypass the safeguard of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and fast track the project. The company representative admitted as much at the Community Input Meeting. The company broke a 5MW industrial solar complex into 3 smaller pieces to bypass the PSC. This is the type of operator YOUR LEGISLATION invites onto thousands of acres of Harford County farmland, over the documented objection of the community and members of the Harford County Council.

We demand:

1. A public response addressing the collapse of community-input safeguards in the Certainty Act.
2. Repeal, or at minimum comprehensive amendment, of the provisions preempting county siting authority over community and utility-scale solar.
3. A moratorium on PSC approval of solar applications on prime agricultural land until the General Assembly revisits this law in the 2027 session.

You won 44% of Harford County in 2022 by speaking to working families and rural Maryland. 500 of those families have now told you, in writing, that this policy is a betrayal of that constituency. We are organized. We are documented. And we are watching, as voters.

We expect your timely response.