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The Hon. C. T. Wilson  
House Economic Matters Committee  
Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 440 Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems – Generating Capacity  
Letter of Opposition

Dear Chairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously opposes HB 440 Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems – Generating Capacity. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on February 10, 2022.

It is our understanding that this legislation will increase the maximum generating capacity of a community solar energy generating system, from 2 megawatts to 5 megawatts.

The Council opposes this legislation because county zoning regulations over community solar energy generating stations is based on 2 megawatts systems. County zoning regulations are based on 2 megawatt operations have recently been implemented. It is too soon to allow larger community solar generating stations to operate. Counties will need to understand the variables in operating a larger generating station and establish additional criteria for distancing from dwellings, buffer yard requirements, security concerns and establishing minimum property size.

If this legislation is approved, Cecil County will not be ready to establish zoning regulations to allow the larger capacity.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Economic Matters Committee consider an unfavorable report on HB 440.

Sincerely;

  
Robert Meffley  
Council President

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