



May 7, 2021

The Honorable John Olszewski
Baltimore County Executive
400 Washington Avenue
Mezzanine Level
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear John,

The Valley's Planning Council applauds your announcement of planning for the construction of two solar arrays on landfills. Our solar study with the Chesapeake Conservancy ranks the construction of solar arrays on these facilities as a top priority for both clean energy and good land use.

We remain very interested in working with the state and/or county to develop siting and incentive guidance that could prioritize solar projects based on land use, equity, ratepayer and LMI benefits, and grid efficiency. Thank you for this recent step in helping Baltimore County increase its renewable energy generation by taking advantage of this underutilized land opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bennett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Bennett
President