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**From:** Shari Glenn <shariglenn1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Linda Wengel; Beth Hufnagel  
**Subject:** Written testimony on CB-55-2019 and CR-133-2019 - League of Women Voters Howard County  
**Attachments:** Group\_Representative\_Affidavit\_Digital.pdf

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Testimony:

The Howard County League of Women Voters urges a negative vote on CB 55 and CR 133.

We supported the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA, [SB 516](#)) in the Maryland legislature this year which requires Maryland to get 50% of its electricity from renewable energy by 2030 and had specific goals for increasing wind and solar. This local law will make it more difficult for Maryland to reach its critical and ambitious climate goals.

In the recent past, (fall 2016) the Howard County Council authorized solar on agriculture preservation in [CB 59-2016](#). We believe the current Howard County policies as reflected on the Planning and Zoning website for agricultural preservation uses are reasonable and do not need to be modified.  
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Conservation-and-Preservation/Agriculture>

Given the mandates of CEJA for clean energy, we think it is critical for the county to go forward with planned solar projects. A one year moratorium could have a severely adverse effect on the development of the solar industry in this county.

We saw on Facebook that Council member Jungman plans to offer an amendment to limit the impact of this bill to Commercial Solar Facilities on Agriculture Land Preservation Program easements only, however we still oppose this bill. We think the current rules are sufficient to preserve some farmland for other uses. And at the solar panels end of life they will be removed and the farmland will be fully restored.

This moratorium would make it harder for BGE customers to sign up for locally-sourced solar energy.

With regard to CR 133, action is ongoing at the State level. Senator Pinsky had a solar siting study bill in the 2019 legislature ([SB 744](#)) which passed the Senate but not the House of Delegates and that in August 2019 Governor Hogan established a [Task Force on Renewable Energy Development and Siting](#) which will make recommendations on solar siting both on an interim basis to the legislature in January 2020 and a final report in September 2020. The legislature and the Governor may develop policy in the future, but we believe a Howard County study at this time recommended by CR 133 is premature.

Finally, solar panels are not antithetical to agriculture as some allege. [Yale Environment 360](#) notes putting solar panels on less than 1 percent of the world's agricultural land could produce enough energy to fulfill global electricity demand. (They cite this August 2019 [study published in the journal Scientific Reports](#).) We do not

have to choose between solar and feeding ourselves. In addition the panels provide an income stream which can help farmers stay in business.

For all these reasons, we urge disapproval of CB 55 and CR 133.

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**From:** Liz Feighner <liz.feighner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 12:44 PM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Opposition to CB55-2019

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Dear Howard County Council,

Please accept my written testimony which is attached to this email. Please vote no on CB55-2019.

Regards,

Liz Feighner  
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Laurel, MD 20723  
District 3  
[Liz.feighner@gmail.com](mailto:Liz.feighner@gmail.com)



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**From:** Sue Franckel <suefranckel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** CB55

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Ms. Walsh,

I would urge you to vote NO to CB55. It will delay solar power in our county. After a year of record rain, record heat, and all the climate change, we can't afford to wait.

Thank you,

Sue Franckel

3702 Dorsey Search Cir, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**From:** Yungmann, David  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 20, 2019 6:30 PM  
**To:** drsanders1@verizon.net; Jones, Opel  
**Cc:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin  
**Subject:** RE: CB 55

Thanks for your email Mr. Sanders. Are you aware that the proposed legislation affects property in the agricultural preservation program only? Currently Carroll County allows commercial solar in I-G/I-R (both are industrial districts) and B-G (general business). Even if we had a restriction on our ag preserve properties, Howard Co would be way ahead of Carroll by allowing commercial solar on all of our Rural Conservation and Rural Residential zoned property (around 40% of total county acreage).

David Yungmann  
Howard County Council – District 5  
(410) 313-2001  
<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Districts/District-5>

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**From:** David Sanders <drsanders1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 20, 2019 5:33 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Cc:** CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB 55

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Dear Councilman Jones,

As a concerned constituent, I urge you to vote NO on CB 55. Our county needs to get on board the movement toward community solar as rapidly as possible in order to begin to curtail our reliance in climate-changing fossil fuels. We need to strongly encourage, not discourage, the implementation of community solar projects. I personally have made a two year commitment to support, and receive the benefits of, a community solar project located in Carroll County. Why do the government leaders in Carroll County deem community solar to be of benefit to their citizens while Howard County, arguably the most progressive county in Maryland, throwing up roadblocks on this?

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**From:** Cathy Hudson <cmhudson@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 9:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** planning tool for siting of solar/wind projects

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As you consider the solar bills this month, I just came across a new planning tool put together by the Maryland Department of Planning that can show where the optimal sites are in Maryland for the location of solar and wind projects. Unfortunately, they are still developing it and are working on adding an overlay of property data-they don't indicate when that would be available. Here is the link to the article describing the tool and the link to the tool. Hope this helps.

[https://mdplanningblog.com/2019/10/09/need-help-with-renewable-energy-siting-theres-a-tool-to-help/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://mdplanningblog.com/2019/10/09/need-help-with-renewable-energy-siting-theres-a-tool-to-help/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Cathy Hudson

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

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**From:** Rochelle Ginsburg <Rochelle.Ginsburg.246588962@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

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Dear Council Member Opel Jones,

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I am counting on you to oppose the solar moratorium and support more clean, solar power in Howard County.

Regards,  
Rochelle Ginsburg  
5413 Spin Drift Pl  
Columbia, MD 21045



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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 4:25 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

**From:** James Palmer <James.Palmer.244362603@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 2:06 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
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Regards,  
James Palmer  
15136 Players Way  
Glenwood, MD 21738

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
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**To:** Sayers, Margery  
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**From:** Stephen Hanyok <Stephen.Hanyok.246672157@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
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Regards,  
Stephen Hanyok  
33 Elkmore Rd  
Elkton, MD 21921

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**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 4:19 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

**From:** Stephen Hanyok <Stephen.Hanyok.246672157@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
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Stephen Hanyok  
33 Elkmore Rd  
Elkton, MD 21921

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**From:** Helen Ruther <Heruther@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 2:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** solar energy

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Dear Council members:

I urge you to oppose bills CB55 and CR133 which discourage the development of solar energy. I feel alternative energy sources must be our future if our planet is to survive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helen Ruther

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 4:14 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

Deb Jung  
Councilmember, District 4  
Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-313-2001

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Fitzgerald (jimboyfitz@msn.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:58 PM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Ms. Deb Jung,

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Fitzgerald  
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**From:** Jody DeVoll <Jody.DeVoll.246452241@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:42 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
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Regards,  
Jody DeVoll  
8004 Barron St  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:34 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
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Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043  
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From: James Palmer (jgpalmer44@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:36 AM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Ms. Deb Jung,

We want to be proud of Howard County for leading sustainability measures; not holding it back. Reviews and good judgement can apply to the coming year without a moratorium.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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From: Valerie Leonard (valerieleonard@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:51 AM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Ms. Deb Jung,

It's time for Maryland to be at the forefront of combating climate change and all the horrors it brings. SOLAR now...not later!

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:14 AM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Ms. Deb Jung,

Solar and other alternative clean energies are the way of the future, and we will be left behind if we don't start towards that path now! I want to live in a future not dependent on gas and oil along with cleaner air to breathe.

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From: Judy Major (annusequi@verizon.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:23 AM  
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Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 11:38 AM  
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
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Dear Ms. Deb Jung,

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:31 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** RE: opposed to CB55-2019

Thanks

**Deb Jung**  
**Councilmember, District 4**  
**Howard County Council**  
**3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043**  
**410-313-2001**

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** opposed to CB55-2019

David Bower  
410-707-6353/cell  
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Lives in 21042

*Margery Sayers*  
*Executive Assistant*  
*Howard County Council*  
*410-313-0832*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe McCloskey (jpmccloskey@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:35 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

This prohibition makes absolutely no sense.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

We don't need a year to study the effects of commercial solar on the sustainability of the agricultural industry and its effect on public health, safety and welfare. In fact, by waiting a year at such a critical time, we are by default putting our health and safety at risk by increasing the threat of climate change.

We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joe McCloskey  
5385 Woodnote Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044  
jpmccloskey@comcast.net  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Evelia Sosa (marpesiapetreaus2@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 8:08 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

We need to move forward, not backwards

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Ms. Evelia Sosa  
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(301) 919-2681

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: BS Riling (rilings@verizon.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 8:18 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

Keep jobs in Howard county and don't delay solar power

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Ms. BS Riling  
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Columbia, MD 21045  
rilings@verizon.net  
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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Barnes (pdb1014@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 10:17 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

I work in solar in howard county and this is going to affect my job... this is ridiculous.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Barnes  
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Columbia, MD 21046  
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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 12:20 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Graham (lkgraham61@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 10:20 PM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

We are falling far behind Europe in developing solar power. We have many commercial buildings in Howard County which would be ideal for new solar installation. This issue matters because we owe it to future generations to preserve this one planet where they will live. We need to be good stewards; commercial solar is one way we can improve our county's contribution to reducing fossil fuel consumption.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Graham  
2401Sunset Farm Rd.  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
lkgraham61@gmail.com  
(443) 812-2356

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Cc:** Harris, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

Margery,

Please see testimony for CB55-2019.

Thank you,  
**Najee Bailey**  
District Aide  
Councilman Opel Jones, District Two  
Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
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c/o  
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Councilmember, District Two  
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**From:** David Saitzeff <David.Saitzeff.246362674@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

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Dear Council Member Opel Jones,

I am a Howard County resident. I urge the you to reject the proposed one-year ban on community solar projects. This

sweeping and arbitrary moratorium would stop people like me from joining with my neighbors to get electricity from a local solar array.

Community solar is the key to broaden solar access to all Marylanders. This is particularly true for renters and low-and middle-income communities. Community solar is also a way for homeowners whose properties aren't right for solar to benefit from solar.

Banning community solar would deprive our community of the local economic benefits of well-sited community solar projects. And a ban may also threaten the success and future of the state's new community solar pilot program.

I am counting on you to oppose the solar moratorium and support more clean, solar power in Howard County.

Regards,

David Saitzeff

7252 Riding Hood Cir

Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Vincent Amatrudo (vinceamatrudo@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 8:50 AM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

We love our clean solar energy and believe this source is at a tipping point as more and more people and businesses are converting to slow down climate change. Please don't do anything to slow down this progress!

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vincent Amatrudo  
7728 Twin Oaks Way, Laurel Maryland 20723, United States Laurel, MD 20723 vinceamatrudo@yahoo.com  
(301) 943-9773

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:42 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Straight (woichi01@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:23 AM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

In case you haven't been keeping up with the news on the environmental front, we no longer have the luxury of time. We must act yesterday to reduce our carbon footprint. This wait-and-see initiative is nothing more or less than lobbied foot-dragging. Get it done.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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We have no time to wait; we need clean energy now.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wayne Straight  
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Sykesville, MD 21784  
woichi01@comcast.net  
(410) 555-5555

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: James Palmer (jgpalmer44@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:36 AM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

We want to be proud of Howard County for leading sustainability measures; not holding it back. Reviews and good judgement can apply to the coming year without a moratorium.

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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Sincerely,

Mr. James Palmer  
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Glenwood, MD 21738  
jgpalmer44@gmail.com  
(410) 948-4796

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Vote NO on CB-55

-----Original Message-----

From: Valerie Leonard (valerieleonard@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:51 AM  
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
Subject: Vote NO on CB-55

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Dear Mr. Opel Jones,

It's time for Maryland to be at the forefront of combating climate change and all the horrors it brings. SOLAR now...not later!

I urge you to vote NO on CB-55 which would put a one year prohibition on commercial solar in rural zones of Howard County. This legislation would be a step backwards instead of a step forwards for Howard County and would go against Calvin Ball's declaration that We Are Still In on the Paris Climate Agreement. A prohibition on solar right now would stall the creation of clean energy jobs and put us further from our goals set by the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Valerie Leonard  
5479 Hound Hill Ct  
Columbia, MD 21045  
valerieleonard@comcast.net  
(410) 740-9758

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** opposed to CB55-2019

David Bower  
410-707-6353/cell  
Called to register his opposition to CB55-2019

Lives in 21042

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Gelwicks, Colette  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: District 3 - Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Solar

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov <no-reply@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:55 PM  
**To:** tooldude@me.com  
**Subject:** District 3 - Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Solar

**First Name:** Charles  
**Last Name:** Goedeke  
**Email:** [tooldude@me.com](mailto:tooldude@me.com)  
**Street Address:** 10544 Patuxent Ridge Way  
**City:** Laurel  
**Subject:** Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Solar

**Message:** Council Member Rigby: Tonight I signed two petitions in opposition to CB55-2019, which would impose a 1-year moratorium on commercial solar in our county. I wanted to send this addition personal appeal, because the subject is so important to me. The world is in crisis because of climate change, and we need to do all that we can to stem the tide. In addition, this county consistently scores poorly on air quality, due in part to the use of fossil fueled power plants in the region to satisfy our need for power. This has a detrimental effect on the health of of our citizens. Commercial solar is admittedly a small action against these problems, but it NOT a negligible one, and has important symbolism to show that Howard County is serious about its stand against climate change. The proposed moratorium serves no real purpose, since most of the arguments against commercial solar have been debated many times over the last few years, and are clearly outweighed by the arguments for. I STRONGLY urge your opposition to the bill. Respectfully submitted, Charlie Goedeke

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jean Silver-Isenstadt <jeansi@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 11, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** please oppose CB55-2019

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Dear Christiana,

Please do all you can to support our county's *accelerated* transition to renewable resources and nothing to slow this progress. A moratorium on solar farming as proposed in CB55-2019 is the last thing we need in the face of climate change; it feels crazy to even have to say that. Look instead for ways to incentivize commercial solar that would integrate agricultural use of the land, like co-located small-animal grazing. Please do not hit the brakes on solar in any way.

Thank you,  
Jean

Jean Silver-Isenstadt  
10174 Deep Skies Drive  
Laurel MD 20723

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:55 PM  
**To:** tooldude@me.com  
**Subject:** District 3 - Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Solar

**First Name:** Charles  
**Last Name:** Goedeke  
**Email:** [tooldude@me.com](mailto:tooldude@me.com)  
**Street Address:** 10544 Patuxent Ridge Way  
**City:** Laurel  
**Subject:** Proposed Moratorium on Commercial Solar

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 3:12 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Cc:** Harris, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County (CB55-2019)

Good afternoon Margery,

Please see testimony sent directly to Councilman Jones regarding Council Bill 55-2019.

Best,  
Najee

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**From:** Ann Andrex <Ann.Andrex.244230339@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Reject the ban on community solar in Howard County

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Dear Council Member Opel Jones,

I am not a Howard County resident. But I urge the you to reject the proposed one-year ban on community solar projects. This sweeping and arbitrary moratorium would stop people like me from joining with my neighbors to get electricity from a local solar array.

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I am counting on you to oppose the solar moratorium and support more clean, solar power in Howard County.

Regards,  
Ann Andrex  
208 Crestview Ct  
Frederick, MD 21702 ▪

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Rigby, Christiana  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: CB55

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**From:** Richard D <rdeutschmann2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** CB55

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Members of the Council -

*We are writing in opposition to CB55*, the so-called Commercial Solar Facility Conditional Use Interim Development Act. This is a dangerous bill, which is modeled after similar legislation that we are seeing across rural Maryland, and across rural America. As you all know, our planet is in crisis due to global climate change. We simply do not have time to debate the merits of solar energy, which is supported by vast majorities of Marylanders. As such we must get as much of this as possible operating to move us towards Renewable Energy future envisioned in the Clean Energy Jobs Act, passed out of the MD Legislature in 2019. Bills such as CB55 are meant to delay this clean energy future, and keep us on the track of using more and more fossil fuels to power our homes and businesses.

I do want to address one specific aspect of the opposition to community solar farms. As a retired solar development engineer, I have developed and overseen the construction and operation of several of these rural solar farms. Once in operation, they are hardly commercial facilities. Rather, a modern solar energy plant has the following characteristics not mentioned by the opposition:

- **Solar is quiet.** The only sound is the low hum of power transformers, similar to the green boxes in our neighborhoods, and power inverters, which you are unlikely to hear outside of the perimeter of the plant.
- **Solar sits low on the horizon.** The panels, racking, and inverters rarely reach 10' in height. Viewscapes beyond are preserved. Some plants do contain a few new power poles, to connect the output of the plant to existing interconnection facilities with the grid. Sometimes this is accomplished with underground conductors.
- **Solar construction must adhere to strict erosion control measures.** All plants in Maryland must meet the requirements of Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).
- **Solar plants may include natives, pollinators or other low-profile growth.** Depending on the developer, it is in their interest to plant hardy, low height vegetation to keep invasives at bay, reduce erosion, and keeping the land and soil productive for the life of the plant. Other have contracted with local farmers to use goat herds, to control vegetation inside the fence.

In addition, solar plants keep the future open for agricultural use, while paying a premium to farmers for use of the land. This in turn reduces development, which has much longer-term implications for the land.

In closing, I urge all of you to oppose this backward-looking legislation, and embrace solar and other forms of renewable energy as an integral part of the solution we need to combat global climate change.

Thanks so much -

Richard & Vanessa Deutschmann  
9485 Hickory Limb  
Columbia, MD 21045  
M – (410)707-4368

Dear Chairperson Mercer-Kigby,

Please vote no on CBSS. We are in a climate emergency and we cannot afford to waste time in moving to clean energy sources. CBSS would cause pointless and harmful delay to needed action.

Also, the concerns raised in CBSS are specious and refuted by the US Dept of Energy website.

Sincerely,

By Rob

14 Oct 2014

Dear Counselman Yungmann,

I'm writing to oppose CBSS, a bill you've sponsored, that will place a moratorium on development of new solar power installations.

We need to be promoting solar development, not suppressing it.

Please reconsider your position on this legislation

Sincerely,

Peter Mauerer, PhD

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Dear ~~Chastina~~ Mercedes Rippl,

Please vote against - CB-551

The planet is in the midst of an urgent climate crisis. We can't delay acting to reduce a Green House Gases. The issues of concern are addressed by the United States Dept. of Energy's website. Please vote NO!

RUTH AUERBACH  
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Dear Councilwoman Mercedes Rippl,

I write to you today as a constituent of District 5. I ask you to vote against CB55. Given the dire warnings issued by our nation's scientists, I believe it is important that we do everything we can to encourage solar <sup>energy</sup> development, not delay it, which this bill would do. In addition, solar energy will offer opportunities for farmers to earn additional income. I urge you again to vote against CB55. Thank you for your time and attention.

Mercedes Rippl



To Council member Jones

Please oppose CBSS and  
CR133.

It will discourage solar  
development in Howard Co.  
We are in a climate emergency  
BGE customers would not  
be able to take advantage  
of local clean energy options.  
And for many other reasons I  
hope to give in oral testimony.  
Ruth Alice White

To the County Council:

I am writing in OPPOSITION to CBSS,  
which would put a moratorium on  
community solar. This bill would slow  
renewable energy development, supported  
by the vast majority of Marylanders.  
This bill is similar to many bills being  
considered across rural America, which have  
been designed to hurt the expansion of  
solar energy. This in turn will slow our  
states response to global climate change,  
unacceptable! Please work to oppose  
CBSS!

Thank you -  
Richard Deutschmann