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| 07/16/2023 20:18:17 | John Lennon Miller | Woodstock   | 21163    | No                             | The Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association  | Bill 53-23a: Zoning – Solar Energy Generating Facilities                                      | Support  |   | YES        |
| 07/16/2023 17:48:42 | Adam Dubitsky      | Annapolis   | 21401    | No                             | Land & Liberty Coalition of Maryland  | Bill 53-23a: Zoning – Solar Energy Generating Facilities                                      | Support  | Note: Support for bill 53-23 as introduced. On behalf of the Land & Liberty Coalition of Maryland I am writing to express our support for a critical element of bill 53-23 as drafted, removing from Section 8 of county zoning regulations requirements that a solar power facility may not be within 10 miles of another solar energy generating facility (20 miles for utility scale facilities). A project of Conservatives for Free Energy, a 501c3 non-profit organization, and with chapters in thirteen states, the Land & Liberty Coalition advocates for renewable energy from a free-market perspective, focusing on job creation, creating opportunity for farmers and landowners, preserving and restoring local ecosystems, and generating added revenue for local governments without requiring additional taxpayer funded infrastructure investments. There is simply no justification for maintaining zoning regulations requiring these arbitrary minimum distances between solar power facilities. It serves only to keep large areas of the county off limits to renewable energy at a time when jurisdictions across our nation – both “Blue” and “Red” – are reaping the benefits of this vital new industry. Much has changed since the county inserted this anti-clean energy restriction into its code; previous members of the Council might be forgiven for their skepticism about solar power. Yet none of their fears have come to pass. In fact, once dead-set against solar power generation on agriculture zoned land, Maryland’s Farm Bureau has joined their counterparts in other states in the region by holding information sessions and webinars on the benefits of agrivoltaics and other topics. We would encourage county leaders – particularly the county Ag Commission – to attend an upcoming solar information event hosted by the University of Maryland Agriculture Extension on solar power; at these usually sold-out forums, you’ll typically find a couple dozen farm families exploring the benefits of solar power generation on their land. There is an inconvenient truth about Maryland’s leadership on “climate” and especially the requirement that 14.5 percent of our electric power come from solar by 2030: The state is years behind schedule. About 210 megawatts of renewable energy is coming online each year; we need more than 575MW a year to catch up. This can only come through county leadership and modernizing permitting to reflect the reality of today’s solar power and rejecting the false narratives, misleading “studies” claiming that solar power on undeveloped land would harm the Bay, outright conspiracy theories about solar, and other red herrings. In closing, thank you for your consideration of our perspective and we respectfully request your support for bill 53-23’s provision removing from county code those regulations requiring solar power facilities of any scale be a minimum distance apart. Sincerely, Adam Dubitsky State Director Land & Liberty Coalition of Maryland | YES        |
| 07/16/2023 13:16:29 | John Faber         | Churchton   | 20733    | No                             | Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau   | Bill 53-23a: Zoning – Solar Energy Generating Facilities                                      | Oppose   | Will support bill 53-23 with amendments to retain 10 mile between facility requirements.  | YES        |
| 07/13/2023 14:26:55 | Stacy Eckels       | West River  | 20778    | Yes                            |   | Bill 53-23a: Zoning – Solar Energy Generating Facilities                                      | Support  | Support with Amendment- Dear Council members, I respectfully request that you support the amendment to the Solar Bill AACo Bill 53-23 as submitted by Council member Shannon Leadbetter. It is of utmost importance to me, but also to the citizens of Anne Arundel County, the Agricultural community, the Growth Action Network, the Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau and the voting members of the Anne Arundel County Agriculture Commission (the Commission) that the ag land of our county remains viable as farmland and open space. We need an Amendment that preserves the 10 mile radius requirement between solar arrays/projects/operations on ag land in the RA Zone. Please note that there are no known rooftop opportunities for solar within the RA zoned land in the county. Please also note that the Agriculture Commission was tasked with meeting with the solar industry and rendering an opinion and submitting a recommendation to the County Executive. In March of 2023, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendation that was sent to the County Executive. I know other citizens are providing you more details. Additionally, it should be noted that the County recently purchased a grain elevator to support agriculture and farming in Anne Arundel County. The elimination of the 10 mile radius is a sure and seamless gateway to solar and residential development on the dwindling ag lands that are left in the county. Lastly, it should be considered that the Small Area Planning Commissions for District 7 have consistently prioritized the preservation of ag lands. Industrial solar arrays are far from the bucolic scenery, character and nature of our pristine agricultural lands that remain in Anne Arundel County. I thank you in advance for your commitment to supporting the farmers, communities, and the environmental advocates. It is a travesty to imagine that national and regional solar corporations could destroy the beauty and preservation of Anne Arundel County for financial gain at the expense of future generations of agriculturalist. With gratitude, Stacy  |            |
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| 07/17/2023 11:04:33 | Vincent Dantone    |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 11:02:40 | Zachary T          |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 11:01:43 | Robert P           |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 11:00:52 | Ryan H             |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 11:00:11 | Zachary H          |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:59:29 | Truie              |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:58:52 | Marcus             |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:58:15 | Jwayne             |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:57:29 | Bryan              |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:56:41 | April              |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:55:52 | Alyssa             |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:54:54 | Amanda             |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:51:04 | Megan Kestner      |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:49:43 | Melinda G. Stanton |             |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:44:48 | Basile Ferro       | Glen Burnie | 21061    | No                             | Elevate Recovery Centers  | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 10:32:45 | Alan Lang          | Pasadena    | 21122    | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Support  | I believe this bill as amended will enable needed recovery residences to be established in existing homes without having to install the most costly fire prevention items while preventing providers of group homes providing level 2.5 or higher substance abuse treatment from taking advantage of this exemption. On page 6, line 17, shouldn't the code citation be 18-10-134 be 18-10-135?   |            |
| 07/17/2023 9:56:45  | Brandi Jay         | Annapolis   |          | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 9:52:48  | THERESE HESSLER    | ANNAPOLIS   | 21401    | No                             | Recovery Housing & Treatment Centers Coalition of Maryland                              | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 9:50:06  | Brandi Jay         | Annapolis   | 21401    | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/17/2023 9:22:15  | John J. O'Conner   | Lanham      | 20706    | No                             | Local No. 10 International Union of Elevator Constructors (Affiliated with the AFL-CIO) | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   |   | YES        |
| 07/16/2023 22:44:48 | Kelsey Granger     | Glen Burnie | 21061    | No                             | Grace Recovery Services   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   | The changes proposed in Bill 55-23 and the amended 55-23a are not inconsequential as they have been represented, nor do they provide protection to vulnerable clients. Implementation of this bill would result in a loss of beds as recovery residence and treatment providers would be forced to determine which care component to terminate. Existing treatment facilities providing care at level 2.5 or higher who also own recovery residences would no longer be able to own both facilities, even if the provider also had group homes within their care continuum. The affiliation prohibition introduced in this bill would result in a loss of 200 recovery residence beds for Grace House alone if they elected to maintain their PHP treatment facility. This bill arbitrarily mandates displacement of some group of clients; for example, even if recovery residences were converted to group homes as suggested by Councilman Volke, individuals in recovery housing would be displaced. The practice of providing financially accessible recovery housing to individuals enrolled in PHP treatment developed out of the necessity to meet the client where they are at. A 2021 SAMHSA report states “providing housing to people experiencing homelessness can help prevent the exacerbation of substance use disorders”. The allowance of individuals, at their own discretion or request, to reside in structured, safe recovery residences that provide community and shelter removes a barrier to successful treatment. Alternatively, creating complicated care situations like requiring an individual to reside in housing provided by an unaffiliated provider, for which no transportation, communication, or integration is required by this bill could decrease client success. If a client knowingly enters treatment and receives accessible recovery housing, when their alternative is homelessness, this should be seen as positive rather than worthy of penalty, and the prohibition of such under the guise of protecting vulnerable individuals receiving care undermines the autonomy of the client, the very group this bill claims to be trying to protect. If they are of sound enough mind to enter treatment, are they not also capable of electing where they are housed? Finally, substance use disorder is abundant and clients are constantly in need of care. There are at least 55 certified recovery residences in this county alone, with a majority of them nearly or completely full. If the goal is to decrease death and overdose, more avenues for stable care should be available, rather than less. Between January 2022 and January 2023, Anne Arundel County had a nearly a 20% decrease in overdose deaths. The combined strategies employed in this county have resulted in a demonstrable decrease in overdose deaths, but they are still quite prevalent, and additional barriers to care could destabilize the effectiveness of the county’s efforts.  | YES        |
| 07/14/2023 14:49:24 | James Stevenson    | Bowie       | 20715    | Yes                            |   | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Support  | I have been a Maryland licensed Addiction Counselor for over 10 years. I support Bill 55-23 because I believe it will definitely improve the quality of housing for recovery residences, in particular the ratio of bathrooms to patients as well as improving the proposed square footage requirements. As well, I believe it will encourage compliance with all levels of care and generally expand access to qualified recovery houses.  |            |

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| 07/10/2023 16:18:08 | Lucille Pruitt  | Pasadena  | 21122    | Yes                            |  | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Support  | Four years ago I was allotted the opportunity to enter into Evolve Life Centers 3.1 treatment program. I had never experienced stability in my life. I moved away from Carroll County because there just wasn't any recourses for me out there. In Ann Arundel county I was able to complete evolves treatment program and step down to their recovery house where I had already built relationships with in the organization. For the first time I was able to live in stability for over a year. I learned out to live and be an adult around people I trusted and knew had my best interest at heart instead of being moved around from program to program or county to county. I am truly grateful for the opportunities that this county has allowed me to have. I now live in my own and take care of my three children and participate in the Ann Arundel County ROSC meeting monthly. I couldn't have done it with out recovery housing and treatment programs all in the same area. They allowed me to build a life and learn how to be a productive County member. With the ever growing populations of those in need of substance abuse treatment I am so happy to say I live in a county that allows and provides help to their residents. I now work as a treatment advocate for a program in Baltimore County and sadly the other counties do not offer the same support as we do. With this bill I feel like we can not only help our residents but also lead by example for our entire state. |            |
| 07/10/2023 15:10:56 | Sara Burden     | Pasadena  | 21122    | Yes                            |  | Bill 55-23a: Recovery Residences, Group Homes, and Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities | Oppose   | This bill will shut down the majority of recovery residence throughout the county.  |            |
| 07/17/2023 10:40:36 | Alan Lang       | Pasadena  | 21122    | Yes                            |  | Bill 61-23: Recovery Residences   | Oppose   | I believe this bill will not enable needed recovery residences to be established in existing homes without having to install the most costly fire prevention items while preventing providers of group homes providing level 2.5 or higher substance abuse treatment from taking advantage of this exemption.   |            |
| 07/17/2023 10:30:14 | Therese Hessler | Annapolis | 21401    | No                             | Recovery Housing & Treatment Centers Coalition of Maryland | Bill 61-23: Recovery Residences   | Support  |   |            |
| 07/10/2023 15:13:07 | Sara Burden     | Pasadena  | 21122    | Yes                            |  | Bill 61-23: Recovery Residences   | Support  | I support this bill. It responsibly defines Recovery residence and uses the same definition as the state. It addresses fire, safety issues in a responsible way.  |            |
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