

## Queen Anne's Soil Conservation District

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Letter of Support for HB – 17: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Valuation Easement

January 24, 2020

The Honorable Steven J. Arentz, Delegate 308 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Delegate Arentz,

The Queen Anne's Soil Conservation District (QASCD) Board of Supervisors voted in support of HB – 17: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Valuation Easement at the January 15, 2020 Board Meeting. QASCD fully supports the streamlining of the annual easement process and the reduction of the volume of appraisals for review. The ability to utilize appraisals for two years will greatly increase the efficiency of the program at the local level and ultimately increase the number of easements processed. Thank you for your time, attention, and continuous support on this matter.

Sincerely on behalf of the QASCD Board of Supervisors,

Anthony C. Riggi

QASCD District Manager.