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Please oppose Senate Bill 841/House Bill 1312.

I am Bill Satterfield, an unemployed Wicomico County citizen.

I'm asking you to reject Senate Bill 841/House Bill 1312 when it comes up for a vote in your committee. This bill is nonsensical and troubling in labeling the family-owned chicken farms in Maryland as "industrial poultry operations," and by putting a blanket moratorium on new or expanding chicken farms. It puts the entire economy of the Eastern Shore -- and all of Maryland -- at risk and harms the livelihoods of Maryland's more than 600 chicken growers, the next generation of family farmers who might wish to help feed America, more than 4,800 people directly employed by the chicken industry, and hundreds of allied businesses or suppliers.

The family farmers who grow the chickens have a proven record of environmental stewardship and are among Maryland's leaders in environmental protection.

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Bill Satterfield
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