



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 24 - Gaming – Sports and Event Wagering License – Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 24, legislation that requires the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a sports and event wagering license to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. if they issue a license to any another entity in the state.

Maryland Farm Bureau supports measures to improve the Maryland Bred Program within the Thoroughbred and Standardbred Industry. Including the Maryland State Fair in this licensing not only helps the equine industry, but also improves the ability to offer Ag education to Maryland citizens through attending fairs and events at the fairgrounds.

Maryland Farm Bureau Policy: Any expansion into other forms of gambling such as table games and sports book similar to Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) should benefit the equine industry and agricultural education programs.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 24 AND ENCOURAGE A FAVORABLE REPORT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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