



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of HB586 – Queen Anne's County - Public Safety - Buildings Used for Agritourism

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 586. This is legislation that adds Queen Anne's County to a list of other counties that exempt existing ag structures that are going to be used for agritourism from being required to retrofit the structure with bathrooms, sprinklers and other high occupancy requirements. This exemption allows up to 200 people in the structure. The structure must still adhere to the structural integrity standards as well as entrance and exit requirements.

Maryland Farm Bureau Policy: Agritourism should be defined as activities conducted on a farm and offered to the public or to invited groups for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 586 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

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

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