



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Opposition of SB833 - Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing SB 833. This bill legalizes the sale and use of Marijuana starting July 1, 2023. It establishes a system for the regulation and taxation of the market for the production and sale of cannabis in the State.

Production agriculture is an inherently dangerous business that requires focus and concentration to make sure accidents don't happen. There are many worries among the farming community that if cannabis is made legal, then employees will come to work under the influence and that will put them, other employees, and the farm owners in danger. If someone were to cause an accident on the farm or in a farmer's equipment and that person is found to be under the influence of marijuana, who will be liable? The employee or the farm business or both? These are areas that haven't been addressed and should be addressed before legalizing this drug. We understand the state tax revenue that would be generated to fund things like education and other valuable services. However, at what cost will that be to those that fall victim to ones under the influence?

MDFB Policy: We oppose the production and sale of recreational marijuana.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES SB 833

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

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