



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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**To:** Senate Energy, Education, and the Environment Committee

**From:** Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**RE: Support of SB0056 - Food Waste and Solid Waste Reduction – Grants, Fund, and Surcharge**

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Farm Bureau, representing 9,500 member families across the state, to express our support for SB0056 promoting on-farm composting. The Maryland Farm Bureau has a deep understanding of the agricultural landscape in our state, and we believe that on-farm composting is a sustainable and valuable practice that merits legislative backing.

We believe that investing in on-farm composting, compost use, food waste prevention, and food rescue projects is not only an investment in the agricultural sector but also a proactive step towards achieving environmental sustainability and community well-being. Successful implementation of these projects not only benefits individual farmers but also contributes to the overall health and economic well-being of rural communities. Allowing farmers to make and process compost from both on and off the farm sources enhances resource efficiency by utilizing organic waste materials in a manner that benefits agricultural production.

We kindly urge you to consider our position as you deliberate on matters related to legislation impacting on-farm composting rights. We believe that supporting these rights not only benefits individual farmers but contributes to the overall prosperity and sustainability of Maryland's agricultural communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require any further information or clarification on our policy stance, please feel free to contact me at (443) 878-4045 or [though@marylandfb.org](mailto:though@marylandfb.org).

**MDFB Policy:** We support the right for Maryland farmers to make and process compost from both on and off the farm sources.

**Maryland Farm Bureau Supports SB0056**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Hough', written over a horizontal line.

Tyler Hough  
Director of Government Relations  
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