



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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**To:** Senate Judicial Proceeding Committee

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

**RE:** **Support of SB0042 Vehicle Laws - Horse Riding - Helmet Requirement for Minors**

On behalf of our nearly 9,500 Farm Bureau families in Maryland, I submit this written testimony in support of SB0042. This bill would require minors to wear a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials for protective headgear used in equestrian riding, when involved in equine activities on public land.

The safety of the youth involved in equestrian riding activities is a priority for the members of Maryland Farm Bureau. No matter the experience of the rider, unexpected things can happen when riding horses, donkeys, mules, or ponies. Wearing properly fitted protective headgear during equestrian riding is a safety step that should be used by minors to make sure they are protected. The members of Maryland Farm Bureau do not want to see injuries that could be prevented, or the severity of the injury lessened by wearing proper protective headgear.

**Maryland Farm Bureau Ask for a Favorable Position on SB0042**

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

Tyler Hough  
Director of Government Relations

*Please contact Tyler Hough at 443-878-4045 with any questions*