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To: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: Support of SB0162 Agriculture - Departmental Authority Over Identification, Inspection, and Sale of Cantaloupes – Repeal

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in support of SB162 Agriculture - Departmental Authority Over Identification, Inspection, and Sale of Cantaloupes – Repeal. This bill would repeal the Department of Agriculture’s authority over the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently responsible for the identification, inspection, and sale of cantaloupes. With this change and removal of the Cantaloupe section of the Maryland Annotated Agriculture Code, it will not affect or change any current regulations or requirements for those growing and selling cantaloupes in our state.

Maryland Farm Bureau Supports SB162

Sincerely,

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, though@marylandfb.org, with any questions