



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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

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

**RE:** **Support of SB0335 – Natural Resources – Canada Geese – Bag Limits**

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in support of SB0335 – Natural Resources – Canada Geese – Bag Limits. The purpose of this bill is to require during the migratory Canada goose (Atlantic population) hunting season, the bag limit for all Canada geese in the State, is to conform to the bag limit for the Atlantic population of Canada geese adopted annually by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Migratory Canada geese, particularly those in the Atlantic Population, pose significant challenges to Maryland's agricultural industry. Overpopulation of these birds results in substantial crop damage, leading to financial losses for farmers and food supply disruptions. By allowing Maryland's bag limits to conform to federal guidelines, Senate Bill 335 provides a scientifically sound approach to managing goose populations in a way that mitigates the negative effects on our farmlands while ensuring sustainable hunting practices.

Additionally, maintaining a consistent regulatory framework with federal agencies simplifies compliance for farmers, hunters, and conservationists alike. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bases its regulations on extensive research and population assessments, ensuring that bag limits are adjusted appropriately to protect both the species and agricultural interests.

### **Maryland Farm Bureau Supports SB0335**

Sincerely,

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

Director of Government Relations

Please contact Tyler Hough, [though@marylandfb.org](mailto:though@marylandfb.org), with any questions