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To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: **Support of HB212 Vehicle Laws - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration**

On behalf of the nearly 7,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I respectfully submit this written testimony in support, with amendments, of HB 212 – Vehicle Laws: Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration. This legislation establishes a process to bring vehicles owned by Maryland residents—but improperly registered in another state—into compliance with Maryland Vehicle Law.

Maryland agriculture relies heavily on trailers for daily operations. These trailers, classified by the State as Class G vehicles, are essential for transporting equipment, crops, livestock, and supplies. Many farms operate multiple trailers simultaneously to keep pace with seasonal workloads and year-round demands.

However, the cost of registering Class G trailers in Maryland is significantly higher than in some other states. As a result, many agricultural operations have historically registered these trailers in Maine, which offers substantially lower registration fees, making it a practical cost-saving measure for farms operating on already tight margins.

Requiring all such trailers to be registered in Maryland would impose considerable new financial burdens on farmers at a time when the agricultural sector continues to face rising input costs, market volatility, and ongoing economic pressures. Imposing additional registration expenses could further strain operations that are working hard to remain viable.

For these reasons, the Maryland Farm Bureau respectfully requests an amendment to HB 212 that would exempt agriculture from the bill's requirements. This exemption would preserve the operational flexibility and financial stability that Maryland farmers need while still supporting the overall intent of the legislation.

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Please reach out to Tyler Hough, though@marylandfb.org, with any questions