



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB987 - Racing and Community Development Act of 2020

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 987, legislation that provides for the redevelopment of Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore City and Laurel Park in Anne Arundel County. Improving the tracks allows for more opportunities for our equine owners to race in Maryland.

Maryland Farm Bureau Policy: We support the recognition of equine as part of the agricultural industry and not as companion animals. Riding lessons, boarding or training given on a farm, and pleasure horses should be considered a part of the normal agriculture practices. We support measures to improve the Maryland Bred Program within the Thoroughbred and Standardbred Industry.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 987 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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