



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 118 - Land Use - Alcohol Production and Agricultural Alcohol Production

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 118, legislation that defines the terms:

1. **Alcohol production** as an activity that is carried out by a license holder, as defined in § 1–101 of the alcoholic beverages article; and related to the manufacture, packaging, storage, promotion, or sale of alcoholic beverages. “Alcohol production” includes the use of an area to provide tastings of alcoholic beverages; or accommodate the license holder’s customers.
2. **Agricultural alcohol production** as an activity that is carried out by a license holder, as defined in § 1–101 of the alcoholic beverages article; occurs on agricultural land; and is related to the manufacture, packaging, storage, promotion, or sale of alcoholic beverages that use ingredients produced on the agricultural land or any associated agricultural land. “Agricultural alcohol production” includes the use of an area to: provide tastings of alcoholic beverages; or accommodate the license holder’s customers.

Maryland Farm Bureau’s policy:

We support the definition of farm winery to include vineyards, processing of grapes, wine making, storage of wine, promotional events, tasting rooms, sales of wine and related products, food service, and other associated activities. We support the definition of farm brewery to include agricultural products used for brewing, processing of hops and grains, malting, fermentation, storage of beer, promotional events, tasting rooms, sales of beer and related products, food service, and other associated activities. We support the definition of farm distillery to include agricultural products used for distilling, processing of grains and fruit, fermentation and distillation, storage of distilled products, promotional events, tasting rooms, sales of distilled and related products, food service, and other associated activities.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 118 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

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

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