



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of SB 1035 - Hemp Farming Program - Expansion - Processing Hemp**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 1035, legislation that expands the existing Hemp Farming Program under the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) to include the promotion, monitoring, licensing, and regulation of the processing of hemp. The bill would give MDA the jurisdiction to regulate the processing side of the Hemp industry.

Making sure both the production and processing of hemp is properly regulated, will help ensure that the industry stays within the legal THC parameters. A clean and legal industry will be much more successful and will allow more financing assistance for new growers getting into the industry.

Maryland Farm Bureau Policy:

- We support the right of Maryland farmers to grow hemp as an agricultural crop.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 1035

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

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