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Date: February 6, 2020
To: Members of the Finance Committee
From: Holly Porter, Executive Director
Re: SB 188 – Public Health – Misbranded Food – Meat Products - **Support**

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the 1,700-member trade association representing the meat-chicken growers, processing companies and allied business members on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and Delaware supports SB 188 and urges a favorable committee report.

SB 188 makes it clear that any product that is sold in Maryland and labeled as meat would not be derived from cultured cells or plant or insects. This would include poultry as well.

While DPI would prefer for consumer labeling to be developed at the federal level so to reduce a patchwork of laws across various states that our company processors may market in, we also recognize the importance of clarity and transparency to consumers. And we want to protect the work that our growers and chicken companies do in providing a safe and healthy meat product.

We urge a favorable vote on SB 188.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at porter@dpichicken.com or 302-222-4069 or Nick Manis, Manis Canning & Associates, 410-263-7882.