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To: House Ways & Means Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of HB 889 - Property Tax - Exemption - Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 889, legislation that states that the property in Davidsonville owned by Maryland Farm Bureau is exempt from property tax because the property is used exclusively for education of the public, encouraging agriculture in the State, assisting in the dissemination of information relating to agriculture, or the maintenance of a natural or recreational area for public use.

Maryland Farm Bureau is the voice of Maryland's rural and agricultural communities. We promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life with the support of our passionate membership, ensuring the future of our natural resources, food supply and rural heritage that are all part of what makes Maryland our home.

Maryland Farm Bureau takes pride in being a true grassroots organization, starting at the local level. As the unified voice for Maryland agriculture, our members find value in our Farm Bureau programs and workshops. We work every day to promote and protect the rural landscape and natural resources of the Old-Line State.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 889 & ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT

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