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Testimony In SUPPORT of HB 889 - Property Tax - Exemption - Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

This bill only impacts one property in the State of Maryland—the Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) in Davidsonville. The MFB is a non-profit farm organization whose mission is to protect and grow Maryland agriculture and preserve rural life.

The organization that worked from their location previously (Ruratan) was exempt from paying property taxes because of they were a 501(c)(3); the Maryland Farm Bureau is a 501(c)(5), a different classification of non-profit, and consequently was not exempt from property taxes.

This bill puts the Maryland Farm Bureau in line with other educational programs that have a 501(c)(5) classification, like the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Thank you and I ask for a favorable report on HB 889.