



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 210 - COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 210, legislation that would make it that if a business, government, non-profit, school or healthcare facility was abiding by federal, state, local statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders and agency orders related to COVID-19, they would be immune from civil liability for a COVID-19 claim, unless there is gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

Maryland agriculture is made up of thousands of small farm businesses. Many of these farms have moved into a direct to the consumer type of agriculture operation. One of the many concerns that farmers face during this COVID-19 pandemic is the possibility of being sued even if they were following all the guidelines. This bill would help address this concern and help small businesses feel more comfortable to open back up.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 210 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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