



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of HB 800 - Aquaculture Leases - Marking and Recording Requirements - Mobile Application**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 800, legislation that requires that DNR develop a mobile app. and authorizes DNR to use a third party to develop the mobile app. The purpose of the mobile application is to aid an individual who is on the waters of the state in determining the individual's location, in real time, relative to: aquaculture enterprise zones; aquaculture leases; demonstration leases; fixed fishing devices; natural clam or oyster bars; oyster sanctuaries; public shellfish fishery areas; sav protection zones; yates bars; or any other data that the department deems relevant.

With so many issues of people not knowing that they are in areas that aren't open for fishing/harvesting, this mobile app will address that excuse and assist those on the water in making the right decision when trying to decide where to fish.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 800 AND ENCOURAGE A FAVORABLE REPORT**

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

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