



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**Re: Opposition of HB1025 - Pesticides – Carbofuran – Collection, Disposal, and Prohibition on Possession or Storage**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing HB1025. This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, to establish a program to address the illegal use of carbofuran and to eliminate stockpiles of carbofuran in the State by prohibiting a person from possessing or storing any quantity of carbofuran in the State on or after January 1, 2024. Lastly, this bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Natural Resources, or a Natural Resources police officer to seize any quantity of carbofuran for enforcement purposes.

Carbofuran was voluntarily canceled at the federal level in 2009. However, since there was no buyback program, there still seems to be some of this product on farms. MDFB has no issue with this program being created, but it should remain within the Maryland Department of Agriculture's authority. The Department of Natural Resources does not work in pesticide regulation and the Natural Resources Police are not trained to understand what to look for.

**If the bill were amended to remove DNR, MDFB would remove their opposition to the bill.**

**MDFB Policy:** In order to help protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, we urge the state to maintain a biannual collection point in each region of Maryland for the disposal of old chemicals, chemical containers, paint, batteries and all other hazardous waste materials.

We urge the Department of Agriculture to continue the recovery program for banned chemicals.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES HB 1025**

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