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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

<u>Re: Support of HB 639 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Property</u> <u>Management - Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center</u>

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 639, legislation that authorizes the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center (RAC) that is being built in cooperation with St. Mary's County for the benefit of all Southern Maryland agricultural producers.

This bill is a technical correction to allow the Tri-County Council and SMADC to partner with St. Mary's County on this valuable project and allow SMADC to manage the property.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 639.

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