



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of HB 831 - Maryland Food System Resiliency Council**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 831, legislation that establishes the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council. The council is to address the food insecurity crisis in the State due to the pandemic, develop recommendations to increase the long-term resiliency of the food system, and develop by November 1, 2021, a plan to increase the production and procurement of Maryland certified food. MDFB Executive Director or designee is listed as one of the 26 council members.

MDFB Policy: We encourage State and Local agencies and institutions to purchase all types of Maryland agricultural commodities and products.

We oppose any state food policy that limits, impairs, restricts, or bans the purchase of agricultural commodities produced in Maryland by State or Local agencies and institutions.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 831 AND ENCOURAGE A FAVORABLE REPORT

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

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