

"Representing the Agricultural Producers of Montgomery County"

To: Chairman Kumar P. Barve Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

February 21, 2021

RE: Montgomery Agricultural Producers (MAP) Written Testimony for Proposed HB0991 Natural Resources-Forest Mitigation Banks

On behalf of the Montgomery Agricultural Producers (MAP), please accept this correspondence as written testimony regarding Proposed HB0991 Natural Resources-Forest Mitigation Banks.

MAP strongly supports HB0991. Many of our farmer members have participated in forest mitigation banks. They have done this not only for additional income, but to assist with protecting areas of forest for future generations. We believe this bill will fix the confusion brought about by the Attorney General and will keep this program viable for the future.

We urge support of HB0991

Sincerely,

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