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Bill: SB0378 – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland
Agricultural Development Commission
Committee: Senate Budget & Taxation
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and Members:

The Charles County Commissioners are seeking your support of the above-entitled SB 378. SMADC is a critical resource to the Southern Maryland agricultural community. By providing guaranteed State funding through SB 378, SMADC will be able to continue expanding and promoting viable and profitable agricultural farming in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties. Additionally, SMADC will continue to support our regional agricultural community in the form of grants, and marketing & promotion of goods produced by Southern Maryland farmers which provide a positive rate of return for the local economy.

SMADC is in the process of building a regional agricultural center that will improve the agricultural business economy in Southern Maryland and beyond. The center is envisioned to be a hub for agricultural and livestock products, as well as a place to provide instructional and regulatory-advice services for Southern Maryland farmers. The guaranteed financial support of the State is essential to continuing the important and transformative work of the organization.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our enthusiastic support for SB 378.

Sincerely,

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County Commissioners of Charles County
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

cc: Charles County Legislative Delegation