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| Bill # | SB296 |
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February 8, 2022

Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee—

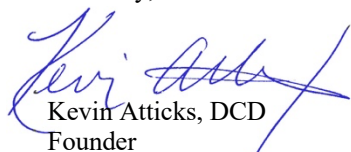
With local the farms facing declining revenues and development pressure, we must take innovative—yet reasonable—actions to provide new opportunities for growth and prosperity.

Agritourism is a primary means of providing new revenue opportunities for our farms.

We support adding “camping and incidental outdoor stays” to the state’s agritourism definition. On-farm incidental stays have become increasingly popular, and it’s important to codify their inclusion in agritourism to provide guidance to local agencies as they work to accommodate new activities that support a farm’s profitability.

We urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Atticks, DCD
Founder

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startups, operators and growers innovate and thrive.*