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Senate Bill 296

Land Use - Agritourism - Definition

Favorable

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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 296, Land Use - Agritourism - Definition, Hearing date February 2, 2022.

Dear Committee Members,

The Board of Directors of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau supports altering the definition of "agritourism" to include camping and incidental stays for the purpose of authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of "agritourism".

Our citizens benefit from attending activities conducted on a farm for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation, including incidental outdoor stays as an accessory use on a working farm. Passage of Senate Bill 296 will provide another opportunity for farmers to remain profitable and for the public to learn more about agriculture.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James K. Raley, Jr.

President

St. Mary's County Farm Bureau