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Environment and Transportation Committee
Lowe House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

On behalf of the Worcester County Commissioners, I would like to express our full support for HB12 Worcester County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism to add Worcester County to the list of counties where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit as detailed in the proposed bill.

The inclusion of Worcester County to this list will strengthen our ability to protect and preserve our rich agricultural heritage and landscape and promote the continuation of multi-generational farms by providing local farmers with new, innovative opportunities to diversify the agricultural uses on their lands, thus creating new revenue streams.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me or Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young at Weston.young@co.worcester.md.us or 410-632-1194.

Sincerely,

President
Worcester County Commissioners

CC: The Honorable Delegate Wayne Hartman
The Honorable Delegate Charles Otto

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