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Chairman Barve,

I am writing to politely request that the committee vote on HB646/SB378 – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland –Funding for SMADC. HB0646 is a simple piece of legislation that requires the Governor to make a yearly appropriation of \$900,000 from the Cigarette Restitution Fund to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to fund the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC).

The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission serves Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties providing a myriad of resources to the farming community. The yearly allocation provided by this legislation would provide SMADC a consistent and completely dependable funding source that would allow them to grow and multiply their efforts to promote agriculture in Southern Maryland. Passing this bill will allow SMADC to continue acting as a guardian for the future of agriculture in Southern Maryland in perpetuity.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel R. Jones".

Delegate Rachel R. Jones

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