



January 19, 2022

The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chairman
House Environment & Transportation Committee

Re: House Bill 116 – Right to Engage in Equine Activities

Position: *Support*

Chairman Barve & Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) to express our support for House Bill 116 – Right to Engage in Equine Activities. This bill protects the right of all Maryland residents who wish to engage in equine activities.

The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, incorporated in 1956, promotes practical and effective soil, water, and natural resource related programs to all citizens through individual conservation districts on a voluntary basis through leadership, education, cooperation, and local direction. By supporting this bill, MASCD continues their legacy of supporting natural resource programs and promotes public open space access to all Marylanders.

I respectfully request a favorable report of House Bill 116, which shows your dedicated support to the entire State of Maryland and the agricultural community. Thank you for your kind consideration and attention to this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Nelson, Executive Director
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts