

HB 116 – Written Testimony

January 17, 2022

I am writing to express a favorable view of HB116 the “Right to Ride” bill being introduced by Del Love.

I have been involved in equestrian activities for nearly 60 years as both a professional, competitor and leisure participant. When my husband and I were searching for a property for our horse farm 20 years ago we looked in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and ultimately decided on Maryland. Maryland’s history and current involvement in equine related activities and businesses made it the ideal location.

We are Caroline County residents and live right across the street from Tuckahoe State Park which is the home of the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center (TEC) and miles of multi-use trails which are shared by riders, hikers, bikers, birders, wildlife enthusiasts and families just looking to enjoy being out in nature, especially during these difficult COVID times.

We support this bill because Equestrian activities are an important part of Maryland’s economy and contribute to the environmentally friendly use of the State’s land and natural resources as well as providing wholesome activities for residents of every persuasion, age or ethnicity.

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Stacy Frank
TEC board member
Caroline County resident
And life-long equestrienne