



**Fair Farms® Maryland**  
a campaign for healthy food, land & waterways

**House Bill 179 (Delegate Amprey)**

Position: Favorable

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Fair Farms humbly asks for a favorable report for HB 179. When it comes to the policy-making process, what does not get measured, does not get managed and is therefore ignored. The COVID-19 Pandemic made it clear that communities in our state impacted by food insecurity can no longer be ignored. These issues existed before the pandemic and will continue if not identified and communicated to elected officials and administrators.

We hope to see that after this bill is enacted, the Maryland government will be held responsible to act on the Food Environment Reports and identify solutions to food insecurity (the lack of nutritious food and hunger) caused by food apartheid in both urban and rural communities in our state.

Thank you to Delegate Amprey, his staff, and the stakeholders involved in drafting this bill. Fair Farms greatly appreciates your leadership. We look forward to future opportunities for collaboration on these systemic issues.

Sincerely,

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