

Written testimony for Bill HB0556 Favorable with Amendments

Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

I am writing to you regarding a proposed additional Cannabis License category called Cannabis Farm. There is a tremendous need for an agricultural component to the Bill that will allow Cannabis Cultivation Farms the ability to sell products and allow consumption of licensed farms products to consumers in one location. The farm to consumer plant and consumption concept can occur if the legal license can include cultivation, processing and consumption on Micro Farms. This license should also allow for over 1,000 lbs of processing for a craft cultivation farm to process and extract flowers from not only their flower but other micro farms and consumers who would like to make end product from their two plant home grow. This farm license shall include the sale of seed, soil and plants to consumers, as long as it isn't over the two plant legal home grow amount. I am the owner of Fingerboard Farm, it is an eight year of operation agritourism farm- stay, located in Frederick County. I am a fifth year Hemp FarmHer, a woman owned vertically integrated cultivation, extraction/formulation and farm market sales business. My CBD and Hemp Flower products are sold in six Maryland Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. I focus on education with events I sponsor in the Cannabis and Hemp Communities .I publish a growing 2,000 person Hemp/CBD blog newsletter. I've built a wide selection of CBD and hemp derived products found on my e-commerce website [www.fingerboardfarm.market](http://www.fingerboardfarm.market) .I have a growing list of wholesale accounts, as the demand for my products and brand is spreading. My customers are who I work for, the high demand of farm tourism on my farm as matches those that take place in the Winery, Brewery and Distillery market. This all can be captured on a Cannabis Farm License Category. . It's crucial that a farm craft micro scale grow also be able to extract more than 1,000 lbs of flower to be sustainable. We would be filling a very important need for many people who would like to try products as a tasting room style on a farm, prior to purchase. I do not feel this category falls into a dispensary or lounge license. I have personally invested over \$200,000 into building my Hemp business and continue to reinvest proceeds back into my sustainable agriculture farm. My mission to heal the earth and humankind one hemp and cannabis plant at a time all began with my personal health crisis. My ultimate desire is to obtain a cultivation Adult Use License as well as Processing, the goal is to expound on my tourism farm for Cannabis Consumption style weedery, as proven successful in other States. The stigma about Cannabis is slowly fading and now should be a free market with the demand coming from the consumer.