

## SB690: FAVORABLE

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Maryland Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



Dear members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

We are Maryland family farmers writing in strong support of SB690, which will provide more humane eggs for Marylanders. This measure would provide spatial standards for egg-laying hens in our state, which give the birds enough room to move and express natural behaviors. It would also ensure that eggs sold in our state come from facilities that are held to these same standards. On some industrial production facilities, egg-laying hens are confined in cages so small they're rendered virtually immobile for their whole lives. This confinement can undercut responsible family farmers who use more humane means of raising animals. Moreover, workers at these corporate facilities often report that witnessing such cruel conditions takes an emotional toll on them.

SB690 is a commonsense bill that's in line with how animals ought to be treated. We are concerned about animal welfare, the viability of family farms and the reputation of Maryland agriculture, and therefore kindly urge your support of SB690.

Sincerely,

Honey Moon Farm - Accident

Diehl's Produce - Annapolis

Olmo Bros Nursery & Farm - Annapolis

Tanglewood Sheep and Goat Farm - Ashton

Hybridoma Organic Fruit Farm - Baldwin

Butterbee Farm - Baltimore

Serenity Farm - Benedict

Goat Plum Tree Farm - Berlin

Belle Prairie Farm - Big Pool

Foxhound Farm - Bishopville

Provident Organic Farm - Bivalve

Contentment Farm - Boonsboro

Cherry Glen Farm - Boyds

Windy Way Farm - Boyds

Peaceful Acres Farm - Brandywine

Bella Vita Farm - Brookeville

DoDo Farms - Brookeville

Victory Chapel Family Farms - Bryans Road

Anchorage Farm - Centreville

Land's End Farm - Centreville

Where Pigs Fly Farm - Centreville

Redman Farms - Chestertown

Oksana's Produce - Chestertown

Natural Nick's Produce - Chillum Gardens

The Hydrofarm Inc. - Churchville

Rebecca's Garden - Columbia

Rumbleway Farm - Conowingo

Bob's Organic Farm - Cordova

Environmental Evergreens - Darlington

Chicken of the Woods Farm - Darnestown

Query Mill Hill Farm - Darnestown

Mt Airy U-Pick Farm - Davidsonville

P & J Tree Farm - Delmar

Amaranth Acres - Dickerson

Monocacy Mills - Dickerson

One Acre Farm - Dickerson

A. H. Herb'n Craft Farm - Easton

Cottingham Farm - Easton

Olney Farm - Elkridge

Eder Farm - Elkton

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Stone Wall Angus - Fairplay	Next Step Produce - Newburg
Belvedere Farm - Fallston	Haley Farm - Oakland
Three Oaks Farm - Forest Hill	The Farm at Glen Mary - Park Hall
Harford Vineyard - Forest Hill	Grandma's Farm - Pleasant Valley
Ambling Brook Farm - Frederick	Leafcutter Farm - Point of Rocks
Sycamore Spring Farm - Frederick	Grateful Gardeners - Poolesville
Oak Spring Farm - Freeland	Plow and Stars Farm - Poolesville
Heartwood Farm - Friendsville	Scrivener's Farm - Prince Frederick
Two Story Chimney Ciderworks - Gaithersburg	Brightman Farm - Princess Anne
Hideaway Farm - Gambrills	Crooked Creek Farm - Pylesville
Prigel Family Creamery - Glen Arm	Piece of Heaven Farm - Reisterstown
Fat & Happy Farms - Grasonville	Farm To Fork Farm - Ridgely
Kinohi Poultry - Greensboro	Brewers Hideaway Farm - Rising Sun
Third Way Farm - Havre de Grace	Windy Ridge Acres - Rocky Ridge
Earth First Farm - Highland	Maple Vale Farm - Rohrerstown
Fox Briar Farm - Hurlock	growingSOUL - Sandy Spring
Red Top Farm - Jarrettsville	Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm - Severn
Castle Hill Farm - Jefferson	Springfield Farm - Sparks
Fox Haven Organic Farm - Jefferson	Carriage House Farms - Stevenson
Blue-Ridge Farm - Keedysville	Prosperity Acres - Sunderland
Lonesome Pine Farms - Knoxville	Ritter Farm - Sykesville
Hancock Farm - La Plata	Crossroads Multi-Farm CSA - Takoma Park
Gorman Farm - Laurel	Ridgeton Farms - Taylors Island
Our Graystone Farm - Laytonsville	Utica Bridge Farms - Thurmont
Part Green Hill Farm - Leonardtown	Gingersnap Farm - Trappe
R & H Farms - Lexington Park	Flying Pigs Farm - Union Bridge
Berry Daze Farm - Lothian	Grazy Days Family Farm - Union Bridge
Buppert's Farm - Marriottsville	Deep Roots Farm - Upper Marlboro
Scarborough Farm - Mechanicsville	Heron There Farm - Upper Marlboro
Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm - Middletown	Owl's Nest Farm - Upper Marlboro
Harley Farm - Middletown	Chestnut Creek Farm - Westminster
Millersville Hens - Millersville	Faithful Friends Farm - Westminster
Karma Farm - Monkton	Lucky Lane Farm - White Hall
Maryland Microgreens - Monrovia	Star Bright Farm - White Hall
Elk Run Winery - Mount Airy	Stewart Farms - Woodbine
FrogHollow Homestead - Myersville	Breezy Willow Farm - Woodbine
Lovell Grass Fed Co. - New Windsor	Withers Wool - Woodbine
Shepherds Manor Creamery - New Windsor	Moon Valley Farm - Woodsboro