



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of HB 847 - Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup**

On behalf of our Farm Bureau member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 847, legislation that creates an Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup to study, identify, examine, and make recommendations on the aspects of anaerobic digestion in Maryland. There would be 11 members of the workgroup and includes a member of the Maryland Farm Bureau. The workgroup will be staffed by MDA and will study this area and make recommendations on the best options for Maryland. These recommendation will be sent to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30, 2023.

**MDFB Policy:** We support energy generation from all agricultural residues and biproducts to be considered value-added production on a farm.

We support an additional carve-out in the Maryland RPS for poultry litter and livestock manure to energy generation.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 847 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colby Ferguson". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Colby Ferguson  
Director of Government Relations

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