



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support with Amendment of HB 928 - Motor Vehicles - Off-the-Road Motorcycles - Local Regulation and Enforcement**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support with amendment of HB 928, authorizes a municipal corporation to regulate the operation of and register off-the-road motorcycles. It also authorizes a county or municipal corporation to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law for violations involving off-the-road motorcycles and to enact and implement legislation governing impoundment, release from impoundment, and, if lawful, forfeiture.

Even though this bill's primary intent is to crack down on off-road vehicles being driven illegally on the roads and out-running law enforcement, the bill also include farm use off-road vehicles. Requiring those vehicles to be registered with the county. Since farm-use vehicles aren't the intended vehicles for this bill, **MDFB requests an exemption for farm-use off-road vehicles from the bill.**

MDFB Policy: We recognize the use of all-terrain vehicles as necessary agricultural vehicles in the day-to-day business of agricultural operations. We support a farmer's ability to cross and travel state and county roads to get from one part of his/her farm to another.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 928 WITH AN AMENDMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colby Ferguson".

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