



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of SB 124 - Maryland Food System Resiliency Council**

On behalf of our Farm Bureau member families in Maryland, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 124, legislation that tweaks the current law to create the Office of Resilience within the Maryland Department of Emergency Management. This department will provide the staffing for the council.

The food resiliency council has worked diligently to create more opportunity for local food to enter the state procurement food chain. More is needed and establishing the office of resilience within the Maryland Department of Emergency Management allows this council to continue their work in the future. We support and advocate for more of Maryland farmer's food to enter the state food chain.

## **Maryland Farm Bureau Policy:**

We support programs and funding intended to ensure the most vulnerable among us have access to healthy, affordable, and local food.

We oppose any state food policy that limits, impairs, restricts, or bans the purchase of agricultural commodities produced in Maryland by State or Local agencies and institutions.

## **MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 124 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT**

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Colby Ferguson  
Director of Government Relations

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