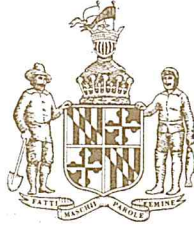


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ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES – EXEMPTION
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Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 640 is a very straightforward bill that simply exempts electricity used for agricultural purposes from the state sales and use tax. This would include activities related to the raising of livestock, the preparation of soil, and planting servicing, harvesting, storing, cleaning, drying, and transportation of seeds and crops.

As we all know, Marylanders depend on our local farmers and the benefits of their labor. As times have progressed, the challenges of family farming have been exacerbated by a myriad of factors and this legislation would be a small step toward ensuring the success of generational farming in Maryland.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 640.