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To: Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of SB 447 - Anaerobic Digestion Workgroup**

On behalf of our Farm Bureau member families in Maryland, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 447. This bill 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 recommendations will be sent to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30, 2023.

Looking at opportunities to use this technology to help farmers capture methane to generate renewable fuels and energy is a win, win for the state. As the state looks to divert food waste from the landfills, these types of digesters would be effective at taking those higher percentage liquid products and incorporating them with farm products like dairy manure.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 447 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT

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