

January 22, 2024

Maryland Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



Dear members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

We are Maryland family farmers writing in strong support of SB193, which will provide more humane eggs for Marylanders. This measure would provide spatial standards for egg-laying hens in our state, which give the birds enough room to move and express natural behaviors. It would also ensure that eggs sold in our state come from facilities that are held to these same standards. On some industrial production facilities, egg-laying hens are confined in cages so small they're rendered virtually immobile for their whole lives. This confinement can undercut responsible family farmers who use more humane means of raising animals. Moreover, workers at these corporate facilities often report that witnessing such cruel conditions takes an emotional toll on them.

SB193 is a commonsense bill that's in line with how animals ought to be treated. We are concerned about animal welfare, the viability of family farms and the reputation of Maryland agriculture, and therefore kindly urge your support of SB193.

Sincerely,

Honey Moon Farm, Accident

Diehl's Produce, Annapolis

Hollywood Farm, Annapolis

Olmo Bros Nursery & Farm, Annapolis

Tanglewood Sheep and Goat Farm, Ashton

Hybridoma Organic Fruit Farm, Baldwin

Butterbee Farm, Baltimore

J's Farm Market, Bel Air

Serenity Farm, Benedict

Goat Plum Tree Farm, Berlin

Belle Prairie Farm, Big Pool

Foxhound Farm, Bishopville

Contentment Farm, Boonsboro

Cherry Glen Farm, Boyds

Windy Way Farm, Boyds

Peaceful Acres Organic Free Range Farm,
Brandywine

Bella Vita Farm, Brookeville

DoDo Farms, Brookeville

Victory Chapel Family Farms, Bryans Road

Anchorage Farm, Centreville

Land's End Farm, Centreville

Where Pigs Fly Farm, Centreville

Redman Farms, Chestertown

Oksana's Produce, Chestertown

Reiner Farm, Cheverly

Natural Nick's Produce LLC, Chillum Gardens

The Hydrofarm Inc., Churchville

Rebecca's Garden, Columbia

Rumbleway Farm, Conowingo

Bobs Organic Farm, Cordova

Environmental Evergreens, Darlington

Chicken of the Woods Permaculture Farm,
Darnestown

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Query Mill Farm, Darnestown	R & H Farms, Lexington Park
Mt Airy U-Pick Farm, Davidsonville	Berry Daze Farm, Lothian
P & J Tree Farm, Delmar	Buppert's Farm, Marriottsville
Amaranth Acres, Dickerson	Scarborough Farm, Mechanicsville
Monocacy Mills, Dickerson	Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm, Middletown
One Acre Farm, Dickerson	Harley Farm, Middletown
A. H. Herb'n Craft Farm, Easton	Millersville Hens, Millersville
Cottingham Farm, Easton	Karma Farm, Monkton
Olney Farm, Elkridge	Maryland Microgreens, Monrovia
Eder Farm, Elkton	Elk Run Winery, Mount Airy
Stone Wall Angus LLC, Fairplay	Frog Hollow Homestead, Myersville
Belvedere Farm, Fallston	Shepherds Manor Creamery, New Windsor
Harford Vineyard & Winery, Forest Hill	Haley Farm, Oakland
Three Oaks Farm, Forest Hill	The Farm at Glen Mary, Park Hall
Ambling Brook Farm, Frederick	Grandma's Farm, Pleasant Valley
Sycamore Spring Farm, Frederick	Grateful Gardeners, Poolesville
Oak Spring Farm, Freeland	Plow and Stars Farm, Poolesville
Heartwood Farm, Friendsville	Scrivener's Farm, Prince Frederick
Two Story Chimney Ciderworks, Gaithersburg	Brightman Farm, Princess Anne
Hideaway Farm, Gambrells	Crooked Creek Farm, Pylesville
Prigel Family Creamery, Glen Arm	Piece of Heaven Farm, Reisterstown
Fat & Happy Farms, Grasonville	Farm To Fork Fresh Farm, Ridgely
Kinohi Poultry, Greensboro	Brewers Hideaway Farm, Rising Sun
The Blue Truck Homestead, Hagerstown	Windy Ridge Acres, Rocky Ridge
Third Way Farm, Havre de Grace	Maple Vale Farm, Rohrersville
Fox Briar Farm, Hurlock	growingSOUL, Sandy Spring
Red Top Farm, Jarrettsville	Willow Oak Flower & Herb Farm, Severn
Castle Hill Farm, Jefferson	Springfield Farm, Sparks
Fox Haven Organic Farm, Jefferson	Carriage House Farms, Stevenson
Blue-Ridge Farm, Keedysville	Prosperity Acres, Sunderland
Lonesome Pine Farms, Knoxville	Ritter Farm, Sykesville
Hancock Farm, La Plata	Crossroads Multi-Farm CSA, Takoma Park
Gorman Farm, Laurel	Fiddler's Green Farm, Taneytown
Our Graystone Farm, Laytonsville	Ridgeton Farms, Taylors Island
Part Green Hill Farm, Leonardtown	Utica Bridge Farms, LLC, Thurmont

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Gingersnap Farm, Trappe

Flying Pigs Farm, Union Bridge

Crazy Days Family Farm, Union Bridge

Deep Roots Farm, Upper Marlboro

Heron There Farm, Upper Marlboro

Owl's Nest Farm, Upper Marlboro

Chestnut Creek Farm, Westminster

Faithful Friends farm, Westminster

Lucky Lane Farm, White Hall

Star Bright Farm, White Hall

Breezy Willow Farm, Woodbine

Heron's Meadow Farm, Woodbine

Stewart Farms, Woodbine

Withers Wool, Woodbine

Moon Valley Farm, Woodsboro