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One Common Voice: The Horse Council

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Testimony of the Maryland Horse Council on SB 1035

Focusing Federal Career and Technical Education Act Funds on Blueprint School-to-Work
Apprenticeship Goals Act - FAVORABLE

The Maryland Horse Council (MHC) is a membership-based trade association that represents the state-wide horse industry in Maryland. Our members include horse farms; horse related businesses; equestrian competitors; trainers; individual enthusiasts; equine-assisted therapy programs; and breed, interest, and discipline associations. We represent over 500,000 Marylanders who make their living with horses, or who just own and love them.

There is currently a significant shortage of appropriately trained labor in the agricultural and natural resources fields in general, and the equine industry in particular. MHC supports this bill as a meaningful step forward in resolving these shortages, by supporting and promoting alternative educational opportunities for students interested in agricultural or natural resources careers.

We urge the Committee to give SB 1035 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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