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*One Common Bond: The Horse*  
*One Common Voice: The Horse Council*

Testimony of the Maryland Horse Council on HB 402

**Real Property - Nuisance and Breach of Lease Actions - Rodent Harborage**

Environment and Transportation Committee – Feb. 13, 2024

**FAVORABLE**

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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 30,000 Marylanders who make their living with horses, or who just own and love them. We are now a \$2.9 billion industry.

This bill has been introduced in prior sessions and MHC has expressed some concerns in the past about the language as it pertains to agricultural properties. Del. Grammer proactively reached out to us last session about our concerns, and we are pleased to report that this version of the bill resolves our concerns well.

We thank Del. Grammer for his support and for addressing the needs of equine community.

MHC urges a favorable report on HB 402.

Respectfully submitted,

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