



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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**To:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**From:** Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**RE:** Informational on HB993 Commemorative Weeks - Maryland Climate Education Week

On behalf of the member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit informational testimony on HB993. This bill would require the Governor annually to proclaim the first week of April as Maryland Climate Education Week, and requiring the proclamation to urge residents of all ages to participate in educational activities that promote awareness of climate change and take action toward the State's climate commitments.

Education on the environment is essential for continuing knowledge for all in Maryland. The members of Maryland Farm Bureau would like to ensure this bill includes agriculture in a positive light. Ensuring the narrative around climate change is not anti-farmer is important to educating the public on agriculture. We support curriculums that teach agricultural practices and urge the state to include ag education in environmental education.

MDFB Policy: MDFB recommends that environmental science curriculum be science-based and not disparage agriculture. Science curriculums should reflect modern agricultural practices including conservation practices, nutrient management, water quality enhancement, carbon sequestration and best use land practices. We urge the state to include ag education in current environmental curriculums.

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