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FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Jessica Fitzwater County Executive

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE

Katie Stevens, Director

SB 1166 - Frederick County - Scenic Byways - Signs

DATE: April 2, 2024

COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

POSITION: Favorable

FROM: The Frederick County Office of Agriculture

As the Director of the Frederick County Office of Agriculture, I urge the committee to give SB 1166 – Frederick County – Scenic Byways – Signs a favorable report. This bill aims to allow for the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a scenic byway on a federal-aid primary highway in Frederick County.

Frederick County has dedicated significant resources to Agriculture, including through land preservation and helping farmers diversify their operations. Agriculture stands as Frederick's largest industry, and it's imperative that we support farmers in diversifying their operations by growing and selling food to our local community. Furthermore, it is crucial that farmers have the ability to promote their operations, reaching a wider audience and bolstering their businesses.

Our County has continued to make historic investments in preserving agricultural land. These lands often serve as the backdrop to highways throughout our region. By allowing signs along these scenic routes, we can help visitors and residents identify the landscape and destination opportunities around them as well as where they can support local farms.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 1166. I urge you to advance this bill with a favorable report, as it will greatly benefit our agricultural community and promote the beauty and importance of agriculture in Frederick County.

Thank You,

Katie Stevens

Katie Stevens Director Frederick County Office of Agriculture

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Frederick County Delegation – Voting List

Date: 3/11/2024 Item: SB1166

Motion: Kerr Seconded: Miller

Description: Support SB1166

Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chair Pippy	X			
Спан т грру	A			
Vice Chair Folden	X			
Delegate Bouchat	X			
Delegate Ciliberti				X
Senator Corderman	X			
Delegate Fair	X			
Delegate Kerr	X			
Senator Lewis-Young	X			
Delegate Miller	X			
Senator Ready	X			
Delegate Rose	X			
Delegate Simpson	X			
Delegate Tomlinson	X			
Delegate Valentine	X			
Delegate Wivell	X			
FINAL VOTE	14	0	0	1

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DELEGATE JESSE T. PIPPY
DELEGATION CHAIR

SENATOR WILLIAM G. FOLDEN DELEGATION VICE CHAIR



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March 28th, 2024

Chair Smith and Vice Chair Waldstreicher,

SB1166, Frederick County - Scenic Byways - Signs, was voted on by the Frederick County Delegation on March 11th, 2024 and received support from a majority of the Delegation. A voting list has been sent to the committee along with this letter. The Frederick County Delegation asks for a favorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on SB1166.

Sincerely,

Del. Jesse T. Pippy – Chair

Sen. William Folden – Vice Chair