

We find the proposed bill on liability waivers to be unfavorable. This bill is clearly proposed to line the pockets of lobbyists and insurance providers at the expense of our citizens and our economy. The inability of Equestrian facilities to have liability waivers will put almost all equestrian facilities out of business, which in turn will have a rippling effect throughout our economy. This includes the obvious – farriers, equine body work practitioners, veterinarians, show facilities, etc. It also includes farmers who sell hay, facilities that sell hay and the like. As well as some local colleges like Goucher that a huge portion of their base is from their riding facility. Maryland is a small enough state that this will be sending businesses out of state to the much more amenable surrounding states. And this will take a huge impact to our local businesses and economy.