



HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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TO: Maryland General Assembly

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Community Services Division

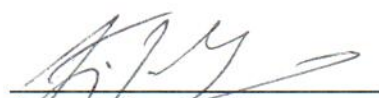
Animal Control Manager

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 375

February 21, 2025

Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

I am writing to you in support of Bill 375 for Rooster Restrictions. Back in 2021 Harford County experienced one of the largest cockfighting operations in the state. A total of 209 fowl (majority roosters) were saved from dying for a bloodsport. During our investigation we learned that the current state laws do not limit the ownership of roosters causing this type of crime to go unnoticed. The cockfighting case in our county involved more than just the animal abuse. These investigations often reveal complex criminal networks with ties to child abuse, organized crime, and drug trafficking. These operations jeopardize the safety of our state, and this law would provide a critical tool for us to help keep our communities safe. The passing of this bill will be pivotal for animal control and law enforcement agencies that work investigating these types of crimes and will also make criminals think twice before moving to our wonderful state.


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