

Maryland Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

February 25, 2025

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan and members of the committee:

Amaranth Acres is a family-owned farm in Dickerson; we come from a long line of farmers. We're proud to produce eggs from pasture-raised hens and ducks. The quality of the eggs, the color and the texture are all better because of the way we treat our birds.

Cage-free egg farming is the future. It is more humane, produces safer eggs (since caged housing has been associated with higher salmonella risks) and meets the growing consumer demand for ethically raised food.

I hope the committee will support SB 806 for the sake of our animals, our consumers, and the integrity of Maryland agriculture.

Sincerely,

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