

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

**RE: Support for SB 806**

To the Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I own and operate Chicken of the Woods Permaculture Farm in Darnestown. In addition to growing organic market produce, we raise chickens and ducks.

My experience in raising birds confirms my belief that hens deserve better than cramped cages where they're nearly immobilized. As a farmer, I believe in treating animals with care and respect. SB 806 ensures that laying hens have space to move, which reduces stress, improves health, and provides better welfare.

Maryland should be a leader in humane farming practices. Please support SB 806.

Respectfully,

Bridgette Downer