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Dear Committee Members,

As retired dairy farmers just outside of Port Deposit, we are writing in support of HB1184.

This streamlined bill is in keeping with the current fiscal realities that the state is facing. Paring the acreage from 125-150 to 12-19 focuses the park on the important area of the Snow Hill free black community in Port Deposit.

We are encouraged that the state is finally recognizing the rich history and contributions of the black community to the economic growth of Port Deposit in that era. By concentrating resources in this way, the state will be able to highlight a story that, although we have lived here for over 50 years, were not aware of.

Please support HB1184.

Thank you,

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