

Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee  
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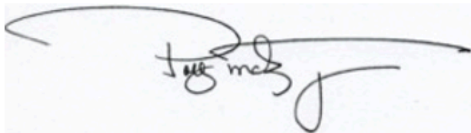
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Dear House Environment and Transportation Committee,

I write to you today as a Maryland farmer who owns and operates Ambling Brook farm in Fredrick. We have operated since 2011 and raise lambs and pasture-raised hens. We believe in the value of ethically produced food and like to say that our lambs grow up on grass, sunshine, rain, and mother's love. Our hens are about as free-range as chickens can get - some of them sleep in my weeping willow trees rather than in the coop! I understand that not all chickens can enjoy this kind of freedom, as they need protection from predators and disease, however, to be caged for all of their lives is a cruel affront to their natures and to the sensibilities of those who care for them.

We are proud of our products and believe they are of higher quality because of our commitment to ethical production practices. Our hens produce eggs with amazingly beautiful dark orange yolks - even in winter!

As a Maryland farmer, I support HB0834 and ask the committee to do the same. Thank you for your consideration.



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A variety of winter yolks, each hen having found slightly different forage.