

February 19, 2025

Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Rachel Koppleman and I co-manage our family's seventeenth-generation family farm, Springfield Farm, in Sparks, MD along with my sister and husband. Since 2000, our farm has been cared for by three generations of the Smith family. We take pride in utilizing farming practices that focus on regenerative land management, humane animal husbandry, and providing nutrient-dense food to our local community - including eggs from hens that are not caged. We know that sustainable farming creates products that are better for our land, our livestock and our customers.

Because of this, we are proud to support HB 834 and respectfully request that the committee vote "yes" on this bill. A "yes" vote on this bill will support us local, small farmers and provide economic opportunities for us.

Sincerely,

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