Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

February 7, 2025

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

We are Amanda and Brandon Green, proud owners of Green Valley Farm, LLC, situated at 1107 Slingluff Road in New Windsor, Maryland. Our farm represents the culmination of years of hard work and dedication to sustainable agriculture and land stewardship.

We are writing to express our strong support for **SB0657**, which addresses the issue of just compensation in eminent domain proceedings. As landowners, the prospect of eminent domain is a significant concern, particularly when it threatens the land that is integral to our livelihood and heritage.

SB0657 ensures that property owners are fairly compensated not only for the value of the land taken but also for the associated fees and costs incurred during eminent domain proceedings. This legislation is essential to protect farmers like us from financial losses that could jeopardize our operations and the preservation of agricultural land in Maryland.

We urge you to support SB0657 to uphold the rights of property owners and ensure fair treatment in eminent domain cases, thereby safeguarding the future of family farms across our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda and Brandon Green Green Valley Farm, LLC 1107 Slingluff Road New Windsor, MD 21776