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House Bill 0907- Property Tax Credit - Urban Agricultural Property - Alterations

House Ways and Means Committee

Position: Support /Favorable

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion on HB0907 Urban Ag Property Tax Credit Alterations. My name is Daniel Trott and I, along with my wife Simone, own 3+ acres of land in Prince George's County (zoned RE). This property serves as our residence and as a space for our registered business, At Home Farm, LLC. We grow vegetables, herbs, and cut flowers as well as raise free-range chickens (for eggs) and sheep (for wool). In addition, we open the farm to friends and neighbors to share in the goodness of healthy outdoor space and the bounty of fresh food and other agricultural products. Our products are currently distributed through one-on-one sales and donations.

In March 2023 with assistance from Prince George's Soil Conservation District, we submitted an application for the Prince George's County Urban Ag Property Tax Credit but it was not approved. It is our understanding that Maryland State guidelines inhibited the County from approving applications at that time. We ask for consideration of HB0907 specified alterations to the original HB223 Urban Ag Property Tax Credits legislation to help our small business get approval for the county property tax credit and to support our Urban Agriculture production and delivery of fresh vegetables and flowers to the local community.

Urban farms are diverse in their operations and their existence allows residents to see where their food comes from, promotes healthy food habits, and supports a healthier environment. HB0907 recognizes the diversity of farm operations, the land they grow on, and the urban locations where they may exist. We fully support this bill and we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 0907 to ensure a resilient and robust food system for all of

Maryland. Thank you.

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