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To: Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: Informational of SB686 - PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase-Outs and Registration Requirements

On behalf of the more than 7,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I respectfully submit written informational testimony on SB686 PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase-Outs and Registration Requirements. This legislation seeks to expand prohibitions and establish registration requirements for products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). While Maryland Farm Bureau supports efforts to reduce unnecessary PFAS exposure and promote public and environmental health, we respectfully submit the following targeted amendment to avoid unintended consequences for Maryland’s agricultural community and pesticide regulatory framework.

Requested Amendment:

Amend §6–1606 by adding the following language: “(D)(5) This subsection does not apply to a product regulated by or under the jurisdiction of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. §136 et seq.”

Products regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) are governed by comprehensive federal registration, labeling, data-submission, and risk-assessment requirements. Every active ingredient and inert ingredient is reviewed for environmental and human health impacts.

Requiring FIFRA-regulated products to comply with state PFAS registration layers significant new costs on manufacturers and, inevitably, on farmers, applicators, and supply-chain partners. Many PFAS-adjacent pesticide chemistries are essential to modern agriculture and subjecting them to additional state-level PFAS registration even when EPA has determined their safe and legal use creates uncertainty without improving environmental outcomes.

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Please contact Tyler Hough, though@marylandfb.org, with any questions