



Maryland Farm Bureau

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To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau

RE: **SUPPORT – Alcoholic Beverages - Class 8 Farm Brewery and Class 10 Farm Distillery Licenses**

On behalf of the 7,000 members of the Maryland Farm Bureau, we respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 807.

SB 807 establishes a Class 10 Farm Distillery License and strengthens the existing Class 8 Farm Brewery framework by reinforcing the requirement that these operations remain bona fide agribusinesses actively engaged in production and agritourism.

MDFB policy strongly supports value-added agriculture, agritourism, and diversification tools that allow farm families to remain economically viable. Farm breweries and distilleries provide critical supplemental income streams, expand markets for Maryland-grown grain, corn, fruit, and other commodities, and create rural jobs while keeping land in active agricultural production. SB 807 aligns squarely with Farm Bureau policy supporting private property rights, on-farm processing, and opportunities that enhance farm profitability without removing land from production.

For these reasons, Maryland Farm Bureau respectfully urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 807.

Please reach out to Tyler Hough at though@marylandfb.org with any questions.