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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

April 9, 2026

Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Finance Chair  
Maryland General Assembly  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Beidle:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, I am requesting the Committee's support of **HB 1223: Prince George's County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones PG 411-26** to be voted out of Finance Committee favorably. This bill was voted on favorably by the Prince George's County Senate Delegation on 4/9/26.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron L. Watson".

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Ron Watson  
Chair  
Prince George's County Senate Delegation

# **FINAL\_ HB 1223 Prince George's County Workgroup on**

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## **POSITION STATEMENT**

**Bill:** HB 1223 Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Food Vending Zones - Requirements PG 411-26

**Position:** Support with Amendments

**Date:** April 10, 2026

**Contact:** Michael Aniton, Acting General Counsel

Jordan Baucum Colbert, Senior Government Affairs Analyst

Dear Chair Brian Feldman,

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC or “the Commission”) have voted to support with bill with amendments.

**What the Bill Does.** This bill establishes the Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones; and generally relating to the Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones.

**Health and Wellness Programs.** Prince George’s Department of Parks and Recreation aims to create healthy communities through people, parks, and programs by offering family-oriented and culturally informed health, nutrition, and exercise programs, and educational opportunities that work together to improve the quality of life for all Prince George’s County residents. In an effort to

continue promoting health and wellness, the Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department has been consistent in encouraging residents to connect with and support local farmers within the County. M-NCPPC partners with local farms and organizations to host 6 farmers markets throughout the County and has most recently collaborated with The Capital Market offering pop-up farmers markets packed with local produce, live music, and cooking demos at the Walker Mill Regional Park during the warmer months throughout the year.

To continue M-NCPPC's support for farmer's markets in Prince George's County, the Commission recommends the sponsor and committee consider amending the proposed bill to include M-NCPPC as a workgroup member.

### **Proposed Amendments**

**“Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department Director or his designee. “**

**Therefore, we urge the committee to vote favorably with the suggested amendments.**