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**Senate Bill 807 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 8 Farm Brewery Licenses**

Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 807. This bill would support Maryland small businesses by revising provisions of law governing Class 8 Farm Brewery Licenses.

This bill requires Class 8 Farm Breweries to be agribusinesses engaged in the production, showcasing, preparation, and sale of farm products and actively engaged in agritourism by exposing the public to farming and value-added farming practices. The bill authorizes farm breweries to sell or serve any food using a licensed food truck or caterer or any cottage food prepared on the farm. This legislation will also allow farm breweries to host festivals, provide live music or other entertainment and rent portions of the farm for functions or events.

As I know you are aware, agritourism has become an important part of Maryland's agricultural landscape and expansion of these small businesses would provide greater opportunities for much-needed economic growth in our State. Through agritourism, these businesses can grow our economy while still protecting the rural landscapes that are so much a part of Maryland's heritage. Last year, the General Assembly passed legislation that I sponsored to ease the regulatory burden on agritourism businesses. I believe that this legislation is a continuation of these efforts and is consistent with other changes in law that we have made over the past several years to encourage the lasting success of agritourism businesses in Maryland and support our State's farmers.

Senate Bill 807 will give these small businesses every opportunity to succeed and grow for the benefit of our farmers and our economy. I respectfully request a favorable report for Senate Bill 807. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bailey', written over a horizontal line.

Senator Jack Bailey