



## Testimony of LaWann Stribling, Founder of STRIB'ble District LLC Maryland General Assembly

HB 0359 2026

### Property Tax Credit - Urban Agricultural Property - Alterations

Date: January 30, 2026

Dear Esteemed Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am LaWann Stribling, the founder of STRIB'ble District LLC, a business committed to wellness, sustainability, and community empowerment through holistic practices. I am here to request a review of the current language of the Urban Farm Property Tax Credit. I support Delegate Robersons effort in supporting the farmers in our county and state. Reviewing the language with clear clarification to allow these changes:

Supporting the removal of acreage requirements and allowing dual-use in HB0359 to strengthen the urban farm property tax credit in Prince George's County:

**Remove Acreage Minimums for Equity:** Current 1/8th-acre minimums disqualify micro-farms and container farms. Removing size restrictions enables smaller, innovative, and intensive urban operations (rooftops, vacant lots) to access the credit.

**Support Dual-Use for Sustainability:** Allowing dual-use (e.g., farming on property with existing, non-intensive, for-profit activity) encourages landowners to activate vacant or underutilized space that might not be solely for agricultural use, maximizing land efficiency.

**Boost Food Security in Deserts:** Smaller, neighborhood-level, urban farms are critical for addressing food insecurity. Reducing barriers helps these sites thrive, directly supporting the County's climate and food equity goals.

Recognize Modern Urban Ag Techniques: Urban farming has evolved beyond traditional soil-based plots. Removing the acreage cap recognizes indoor production, aquaculture, and hydroponics as legitimate, high-value agricultural activities.

Increase Economic Impact: Removing the 5-acre maximum and allowing flexible, dual-use scenarios encourages more private landowners to convert unproductive land into income-generating, taxable, and productive agricultural sites.

Sincerely,

**LaWann Stribling**

Founder, STRIB'ble District LLC

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