



Maryland Farm Bureau

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To: House Ways and Means Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: **Support of HB903 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Donations to Food Banks and Other Charitable Entities**

On behalf of the over 7,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in favor of HB903 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Donations to Food Banks and Other Charitable Entities. This legislation creates a targeted, time-limited Maryland income-tax subtraction of up to \$1,000 for donations of food or designated cash gifts made to qualified charitable organizations—including food banks, shelters, and other entities providing food at no cost to individuals in need. HB 903 establishes clear guardrails by defining qualifying organizations, requiring documentation with the tax return, and directing the Comptroller to adopt regulations and report back to the General Assembly by 2029 on whether the incentive increases donations and improves food access.

Maryland Farm Bureau strongly supports public policies that strengthen the food system, improve access to Maryland-grown products, and encourage charitable giving. The MDFB Policy Book explicitly endorses state efforts that provide funding to organizations sourcing Maryland-grown food and supports the Maryland Food Donation Program tax credit and its expansion, demonstrating clear alignment with the intent behind HB 903. By incentivizing private donations to charitable food providers, this bill complements existing programs, supports rural and urban food-insecurity initiatives, and reinforces the agricultural community's longstanding commitment to feeding Marylanders in need.

HB 903 empowers Maryland residents, including farm families and agricultural businesses, to contribute products or funds to food providers while receiving modest tax relief. The bill's sunset provision and required Comptroller evaluation further reflect the accountability and program-review standards MDFB frequently advocates.

For these reasons, Maryland Farm Bureau respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 903.

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Tyler Hough
Director of Government Relations

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