

Written testimony of Judith Logan
In support of Riva Gardens

My husband and I are residents of Riva Trace in Annapolis and I am providing this testimony today in support of Riva Gardens. The COVID-19 pandemic, approximately one year ago, changed all our lives. We were no longer able to go about our daily activities in the same way. We avoided going into supermarkets, especially if we were in a vulnerable category, and began relying on order and delivery services for our basic needs. We had always shopped at Riva Gardens to purchase seasonal fruits and vegetables, plants, Christmas trees, etc. We were so very grateful when they began to add dairy and meat products. Everything they had was locally grown and sourced, so we knew it was not only fresh, but supporting the local farmers. The market has a sophisticated refrigeration system in place, which I feel confident meets the required standards of food safety. It was a win-win situation for our entire community – both residents and farmers/growers. I strongly urge you to pass this legislation and permit this quality establishment to continue to support our local community. We are very fortunate to have them. Thank you for your consideration.