



February 8, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Subject: Senate Bill 391-Economic Development - More Jobs for Marylanders Program - Extension and Alterations-SUPPORT

Honorable Guzzone,

On behalf of Gotham Greens, I write to express my support for SB 391 to extend the More Jobs for Marylanders program. The bill was introduced to extend for another five years the More Jobs for Marylanders Program that uses tax credit incentives to attract manufacturers like Gotham Greens to locate in the State of Maryland and create new, high-paying jobs.

Gotham Greens is a beneficiary of the MJM program. Gotham Greens is a pioneering American indoor agriculture and fresh food company. Gotham Greens operates the largest network of high-tech, climate-controlled hydroponic greenhouses with nine facilities across six states and a workforce of over 400 team members. When Gotham Greens was looking to expand its manufacturing footprint in 2019, we chose to locate in Baltimore in part due to the refundable tax credit incentives of the MJM Program. The tax credits allow Gotham Greens to free much-needed capital to continue to invest in food and agricultural innovation, while also providing high-quality, well-paying jobs.

We strongly support extending the MJM Program to promote innovative manufacturers like Gotham Greens to the State of Maryland.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Viraj Puri", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Viraj Puri
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chairperson, House and Ways Committee