

My name is Al Martinez. My wife and I live on the East side of Tuckahoe State Park.

We moved to Maryland to be able to enjoy our love of horses and horseback riding.

Building a house and horse stable on land against the park to be able to trail ride was a dream fulfilled.

We have since gotten to know and make many friends in the horse riding community. We all share our interest in the activities and benefits of horseback riding.

Becoming members of the local equestrian club has led us to support and participate in the many equine related programs to enrich the lives of many people in our area.

Equine education for young and old, equine fun activities, various equine based competitions and celebrations, equine related social events, scholarship programs, fund raising for cancer and various other causes are just some of the benefits of our local participation in equine activities.

The many members of our club, and service providers to the horse community, such as, veterinary clinics and hospitals, farriers, tack shops, agricultural supply companies to name a few, are a significant part of our local economy.

Please vote to pass this bill. Thank you.