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Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

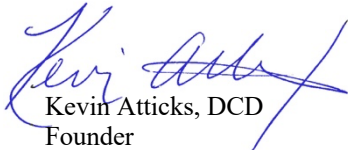
Dear Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee—

The equine industry holds an incredible place in Maryland history of racing, its preservation of land, community recreation and in the field of therapy.

Our study of value-added agriculture (2020, available via www.growandfortify.com) noted equine activities add over \$1.3 billion annually to Maryland's economy and supports over 21,000 jobs.

We urge your favorable consideration to codify that Marylanders have a right to engage in equine activities.

Sincerely,



Kevin Atticks, DCD
Founder

*Cultivating an environment where value-added agricultural producers,
startups, operators and growers innovate and thrive.*