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To: House Economic Matters Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support with Amendments of SB 508 - Hemp Farming Program - Consumable Hemp Products**

On behalf of our Farm Bureau member families in Maryland, I submit this written testimony in support with amendments of SB 508. As amended, this bill primarily focuses on defining and regulating consumable hemp products. The bill defines consumable hemp product to mean a product intended for human consumption that is derived from hemp; and contains not more than 0.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving or 2.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package.

Unfortunately, this restricted amount is for "cannabis derived" Delta-9 THC and is understandable when wanting to restrict the intoxication amount of "cannabis derived" THC. However, "hemp derived" Delta-9 THC does not have the same intoxication factors as "cannabis derived" THC. Therefore, lumping them together through the same milligram levels, significantly reduces the actual amount of "hemp derived" Delta-9 THC. If not changed, this restriction would reduce the "hemp derived" Delta-9 THC level from 0.3%, as defined in federal law, down to 0.01% Delta-9 THC. This is 30 times lower than what is allowed by federal law. The amendment offered below calculates the milligram levels of THC to be equivalent to the federal law of 0.3% Delta-9 THC on a dry weight basis.

MDFB requests amendments to the bill: On page 4, Lines 2 & 3; Page 4, lines 24 & 25; and Page 5, lines 11 & 12:

Delete **0.5** and replace with **3** and delete **2.5** and replace with **90**

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 508 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT AS AMENDED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colby Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Director of Government Relations

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