



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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**To:** House Environment and Transportation Committee

**From:** Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**RE:** **Opposition to HB0028 Passenger, Truck, and Multipurpose Vehicles - Annual Registration Fees**

On behalf of our nearly 9,500 Farm Bureau families in Maryland, I submit this written testimony in opposition to HB0028. This bill would increase the annual registration fees for passenger, certain truck, and multipurpose vehicles based on certain vehicle weight classifications.

The farm families in Maryland face tight margins every year due to high input costs and an ever-changing market. Farmers are faced with making difficult decisions and hope for a strong market to make sure that they are financially sustainable. Every increase in cost, no matter what cost, makes the financial environment that our farm families deal with even more challenging. The proposed language of this bill would increase the registration fees on all vehicles that a farm family may need to run their operation. Increases in input costs to Maryland's farm families will only further tighten the margins that these operations are currently facing.

**Maryland Farm Bureau Policy:** We oppose the imposition of new or increased user fees, licenses and permits as general fund enhancements.

**Maryland Farm Bureau Respectfully Opposes HB0028**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Hough', with a horizontal line above it.

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Director of Government Relations

*Please contact Tyler Hough at 443-878-4045 with any questions*