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Reference: CR-16 2017 *Septic Reimbursement Program*

Dear Howard County Council Members:

The Howard County Farm Bureau and our farms take great pride and efforts to protect our environment. As farmers we are stewards of the land and have made great strides to reduce the impact of our farming practices on the health of the bay. We support the Septic Reimbursement Program as an innovative, cost effective and commonsense approach to receive necessary impervious surface credit for the county.


By issuing residents a \$100 reimbursement for pumping their tanks regularly, the county receives credit for an acre of impervious surface treatment for only \$3,000. This is a program that benefits the environment, Howard County residents and County Government. We ask that you support this program and approve the spending necessary for this incentive based program.

Sincerely,  
Howie Feaga

President of the Howard County Farm Bureau

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## Support for CR-16

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**Message:** Dear Howard County Council: I am writing in support of the septic reimbursement resolution, CR-16. I feel that this is a win-win-win piece of legislation for the environment, the citizens of Howard County, and Howard County government. It is rare to find programs that are so well aligned with citizen, governmental, and environmental interests, as the proposed Septic Savers program is. Proper septic care and maintenance prevents surface and even groundwater contamination; incentivizing septic tank pumping will improve and protect local water and the waters of the Chesapeake. Regular pumping also prevents costly (financially and environmentally) septic failure; thus, a program to incentivize this behavior is also in the public's immediate interest. Lack of funds and confusion about maintenance requirements often causes problems with these systems. By supporting this reimbursement referendum and the associated educational components, we are taking a big step to insuring our County water and waste systems are healthy and can support our local watersheds and the Chesapeake Bay. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Respectfully, Lori Lilly

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