I have been approached about possibly serving as a member of the Howard County Ag Preservation Board. I would be honored to do so. As you are aware, I have been involved with agriculture in Howard County for my entire life. Growing up, I was an active 4-Her, growing livestock and vegetables which I entered at the Howard County and Maryland State Fair. I was also a member of the Howard County and State of Maryland Livestock Judging teams, and participated in contests thru out the country. At the age of 19, no longer being able to be a 4-Her, I coached the Howard County Livestock Judging Teams and later the Maryland State teams.

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After obtaining my high school diploma from Glenelg High School, I was accepted at the University of Maryland, College Park. I completed my course work at Maryland, graduating in 1983 with a BS degree in Animal Science. This education and ag experience has assisted me in my daytime job of running my family's Southern States dealership, now operating at five different locations in Maryland.

I have also served as the youngest director to be elected to the Howard County Fair Board. I currently am still on the Board and have served in various capacities. I held the office of Vice President and have served two terms as President. The Howard County Fair Board does a great job of promoting ag and ensuring that the youth of today are given the opportunity to experience farming and its importance to our daily lives.

So as you can tell, my roots in Agriculture go deep. I enjoy working with the farmers in the county, as well as others that have an interest in livestock and farming. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.