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Please allow me to introduce myself and share why I would like to serve on the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board / *State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board*

My name is Leslie Bauer, and I reside on my family farm in Dayton. My years of service to agriculture started at a young age, exhibiting livestock at the Howard County Fair, and serving in leadership roles for my 4-H club. I continue that service today, working with various organizations as a voice for agriculture, including the Howard County Farm Bureau and the Howard County Fair.

I have been a resident of Howard County for close to 45 years and have spent much of that time involved with and supporting the agricultural community. From grandparents who made their living as farmers, to growing up on a small 26-acre farm raising sheep, to present day living (and working) on a 175-acre farm, my love for agriculture runs deep. Our family farm was placed into the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program in 1990. I feel it is critical to preserve this way of life and educate others about an industry that provides food, fuel, fiber and so much more to the local community and beyond.

I understand the importance of preserving farmland and supporting the future of agriculture in Howard County. My appointment to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board would help to serve the county's mission to not just preserve agricultural land, but to also include the sustainability of agriculture as a viable sector of the County's economy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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