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**To:** House Labor and Economic Opportunity Committee

**From:** Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau

**Re:** Support for funding of the Michigan Alliance for Animal Agriculture (M-AAA) and Agriculture Resiliency Funding

Committee Members:

On behalf of the more than 40,000 farm families, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony to the House Labor and Economic Opportunity Committee regarding funding for M-AAA and Agriculture Resiliency Initiatives.

### **M-AAA**

M-AAA has been a long-standing partnership between animal agriculture industry groups, MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and Michigan State University's AgBioResearch and Extension. The program funds research addressing challenges faced by Michigan's beef, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry, and equine sectors, as well as meat processing. This \$3 million investment supports applied research that directly impacts farm productivity, animal health, and economic opportunity. It is a targeted and efficient use of state resources that generates a strong return on investment by equipping Michigan agriculture with science-driven solutions to remain competitive and resilient.

### **Agriculture Resiliency**

We also thank you for your continued support of agriculture resiliency funding over the past two years. This initiative, originally developed by Michigan's plant agriculture industry, recognized the need for a cross-disciplinary approach within MSU to ensure long-term sustainability for Michigan's plant-based agriculture sectors.

Ongoing funding supports collaboration across multiple disciplines to address critical areas such as water management, pest management, and the adoption of precision agriculture practices. Continued investment is essential to equipping Michigan farmers with the tools and expertise needed to adapt to evolving environmental and economic pressures.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of Michigan Farm Bureau. Our organization looks forward to continuing to work with Michigan Legislature to further the success of Michigan Agriculture.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Park  
Michigan Farm Bureau

