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Subject: Budget- Request Continued Funding for Maryland Marching Money Program -Farmers" Markets
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear County Executive Elrich and Council Men and Women,

Montgomery County Farm Bureau was informed that the new budget does not include monies for the Maryland Money Market (MMM) program which has benefited people who shop at farm markets to obtain fresh, locally grown produce for their families. This program also benefits farmers who work hard to produce fresh vegetables, fruits, berries, and meats.

We request continued funding of this vital program at the level of last year's budget, which was \$52,500, or a modest increase would be appreciated by all. This is matching money and goes a long way toward improving the health of our citizens including young children and elderly adults. It is also helpful to our farm families who never have all the resources they would like to have to operate their businesses at desired levels.

We've appreciated the Montgomery County Council's support of the MMM program in recent years, and trust you will continue to be partners this year and into the future. We don't always know whether some of our citizens live with hunger on a daily basis. We hope not, and programs like this make a positive difference.

Your approval of our request will truly bring the "farm to the Table." We believe this is a wise use of our tax money.

Sincerely,

Lonnie W. Luther, President
Montgomery County Farm Bureau