

Passion to Seed Gardening Edgehill Farm



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House Bill 896 - Environment - Statewide Green Business Certification Program – Establishment

Environment and Transportation Committee

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SUPPORT

House Bill 896 charges the Maryland Department of the Environment with creating a statewide Green Business Certification Program that enhances the State's Green Registry.

My farm/operation Passion to Seed Gardening (PTSG) became a GBC operation in 2018 after obtaining Certified Naturally Grown status.

Operating my farm under the GBC flagship gave me the opportunity to confidently showcase my produce to my customers who value sustainable growing practices implemented if you are CNG certified.

As a small scale farmer this platform enabled me to successfully implement all the best practices in a much more affordable manner cost-wise. This is so factoring in the financial costs involved in comparison to being certified as a USDA organic farmer.

The GBC program embraces & promotes a sense of community in our County among farmers who are all thriving to achieve similar goals whilst at the same time being accountable to our customers on what we produce, how we grow the produce and maintain the standards that they expect from us as their producers.

For the reasons mentioned above, Passion to Seed Gardening supports House Bill 896 and hopes for a favorable response & outcome.

Sincerely

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