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Increasing the maximum capacity of agritourism events in upgraded ag buildings from 50 persons to 200 persons will help farmers immensely. In fact, this is a big deal. For example, most wedding receptions have way more than 50 people. But our surrounding counties, who are in direct competition with Charles County, already allow 200 persons per event in buildings used for agritourism. Why allow this business to go elsewhere? Another added benefit is the increased revenue --- and corresponding tax revenue generated for the county and state --- for the various vendors involved in these event. For example, large weddings usually involve caterers, floral designers, wedding coordinators, DJs, cake bakers, musicians, printers, chair and table rentals, and so forth. Allowing larger venues can help improve farmers' bottom line. The citizens of our county want and need this bill --- and I do, too.

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