

Got Questions? Start Here

A few quick answers before you add your support

What am I actually agreeing to by adding my support?

You're saying you believe small farms should have a clear, affordable path to serve the food they grow — nothing more binding than that. You're not signing a legal document, and your name isn't attached to any specific clause of the proposed law.

Does this weaken food safety in any way?

No. Every food safety requirement — temperature control, handwashing, a certified food handler on-site — stays exactly as strict as it is today. This proposal only changes where a farm can prepare food and how much paperwork it takes to do it legally, not whether the food is safe.

Why does this matter, even if I don't run a farm myself?

Farming alone rarely pays for itself anymore. Letting farms serve the food they grow — through a dinner, a gathering, a meal — is one of the few ways a small farm can actually stay in business. Supporting this is supporting the small farms in your own community staying open.

Is this actually going anywhere, or just an idea?

It's real and moving. We have met with the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry's office and with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Henrico County's building officials sat down with us in September and are working through a proportionate approach to building standards for agritourism properties. The Virginia Independent Consumers and Farmers Association is engaged. The bill itself is now drafted and down to three pages, with every threshold traced to a law Virginia already uses, and it is public on this site so anyone can read it. What we need next is a legislator to carry it in the 2027 General Assembly session, which is exactly why support and farmer feedback matter right now.

What happens after I submit the form?

Your name is added to a growing list. If you leave a comment, it may be shared — in a curated update, alongside others — directly with legislators and state agencies as this moves forward. That's often more meaningful to them than an automated message, and it's part of why the comments field is worth taking a moment to fill in.

Still curious? The full plain-language summary and the complete proposed legislation are both available above.