

Dear House Committee on General Government: Thank you for your heroic efforts this legislative season with so many important bills! I am writing to support HB 3204 to direct agencies to address the critical issue of zoonotic diseases. I hope a comprehensive framework, based on what we've learned from the tragic current pandemic of Covid-19, will be created and implemented so that such pandemics that stem from human interaction with wildlife, will be prevented, monitored if need be, and swiftly responded to in the unfortunate rise of future pandemics. This is a preventable disaster. Businesses that raise wildlife for profit must be carefully inspected and monitored, with strict parameters that will ensure the prevention of zoonotic diseases. The first step is to understand our current system and quickly begin steps to address the areas where we must improve if we are to be proactive in the prevention of pandemics. Thank you again!!