



# News Release

## Comptroller Lierman Visits Montgomery County on Take a Look with Brooke Tour

*Comptroller Lierman tours local food distribution center, and speaks with business leaders about Maryland's economy, and stops by farm*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (APRIL 28, 2025)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman spent Monday afternoon in Montgomery County on her latest Take a Look with Brooke tour, meeting with nonprofit and business leaders and touring a family-run farm.

She started the afternoon with a visit to the UpCounty Hub in Germantown, where she met Founder and CEO Grace Rivera-Oven and her team, and toured the weekly food distribution operations. The Hub works to fight food insecurity and connects vulnerable populations to the resources they need.

Next, Comptroller Lierman updated members of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce on Maryland's economy, her legislative successes this past Maryland General Assembly session, and her modernization efforts for the agency, including a new business portal – [Maryland Tax Connect](#) – and agency website, [marylandcomptroller.gov](http://marylandcomptroller.gov).

At the last stop, she visited Deere Valley Farms in Dickerson, where she learned about the latest farming innovations and trends from the Bakers, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation farm family whose property is located in the county's agricultural reserve. The operation began nearly 100 years ago as a dairy farm and has now expanded to grain, hay and livestock production.

Photos from the day's tour are available at:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/118390036@N08/>

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