

February 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

- My name is Greg Nivens. I live in Lutherville-Timonium and I am a small business owner, father and husband who has paid taxes in Maryland and created jobs in Maryland for the better part of 20 years.
- My family has lived in Baltimore County for over 20 years and Lutherville-Timonium for over 5 years. Our house lies within 300 yards from a farm that grew industrial hemp in 2019.
- Like so many of my neighbors, my family experienced health issues last year that we believe may have been the result of breathing whatever the nearby hemp field was emitting. These included breathing problems, cough, sore throat, nasal problems, allergic reactions, welts, eye irritations, itchiness, blood shot eyes, headaches, migraines, sleeplessness, nausea and general displeasure from the smell associated with the product.
- I don't think that we need to grow these products so close to residential properties. It is an unpleasant experience. I believe these laws are essential because no one should have to experience what my family was forced to endure last year. Please note – I highly support the modern agriculture business complex.....and I am not against hemp farming, but the public needs to be protected from health risks of living near hemp fields.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nivens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Greg Nivens