

## House 805 - limiting the development of marijuana shops

As a Vice President of the Ritchie Heights Ritchie Manor Civic Association, a community consisting of 240 single family homes, in Prince Georges County. I am opposing house bill 537. I am in favor of the County to restricting the proliferation of marijuana stores/tobacco shops in our community. Currently marijuana stores/tobacco shops have saturated Marlboro Pike, a stretch of county roadway east of the District of Columbia city line. In one block we have marijuana stores/tobacco shops in each block and in one case, directly across the street from each other. This is another example of unchecked growth in our county that is having a negative effect on the overall wellness of our communities. Again, I opposed this bill and support our County Council authority to restrict the expansion of these stores/shops.

Thank you. Dwight Jones