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The Golf Club at South River 3451 Solomon's Island Road Edgewater, MD 21037

Dear Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong objection to Maryland Senate Bill 300. This bill would negatively impact our business by restricting the use of Chlorpyrifos. Furthermore, I strongly believe if more research was done into this matter it would show its removal would drastically impact the environment in a negative way.

Annual Bluegrass Weevil (ABW) is the number one pest we control and has caused the most significant amount of damage to our property. This damage has added up to tens of thousands of dollars since the properties existence. Controlling this pest has been difficult and Chlorpyrifos has been a great tool to help in this battle. Using a rotation of Chlorpyrifos with other products from other IRAC codes, we have been able to avoid any resistance issues.

Taking away Chlorpyrifos, will not only take away one of our most valuable tools to combat this pest, but it will also limit our ability to rotate chemistries and prevent resistance issues. I strongly object Maryland Senate Bill 300 and I hope you see what a negative impact removing Chlorpyrifos will have. Please review this matter more and think about the impact this decision will have on not only my business, but the businesses around the state.

Thank you,

Josh Fuhrman