

To: Senator Hettleman Delegate Cardin Delegate Stein
Fr: Anthony Stewart Lyons (Burwood Ct., Lutherville 21093)
Da: 2/23/20
Re: hemp farm bills

I am unable to attend this hearing in Annapolis, so I am submitting this in writing. (I did attend the community meeting at the fire station.)

I have no connection to the hemp industry or to this hemp farmer. I am just a citizen trying to stand up for what he feels is right.

I oppose these bills.

I have been to the hemp farm to check out the smell myself and I found minimal, if any, odor. (I live about 1.7 miles away. I heard about this issue at the 2019 falls rd. community association dinner, on 10/16/19. I went to the hemp farm approximately three days later.)

Even if I had detected an odor, I like the smell of hemp. It smells like a perfume-y plant to me. It smells good, rich, like good, freshly-turned fertile land. A little like a skunk too, which I don't find objectionable either.

i think these neighbors are making much ado about nothing.

I think hemp growers should not be banned from producing their agricultural product. People who want to live in nice bucolic areas should accept that they are moving into an agricultural area.

You would effectively put hemp farms out of business if you prohibited them within two miles of any house or development.

I strongly oppose these bills, which in my opinion represent big government trying to control every aspect of peoples' lives.

For these reasons, I ask for an **UN- FAVORABLE** REPORT on SB964/HB510/HB574
thank you.

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