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House Bill 136

House Members, it has been brought to my attention that this bill has been set for a hearing on or about February 21, 2020.

I am a small business owner and my thoughts on this bill is that it would cause more harm than good to we, the small business owners and the customers that we serve. My reasoning for this is that this committee that is trying to form would do nothing different than what is already in place. Right now, there are regulations in place from the state level Maryland Department of the Environment, Local Governments and County Health Departments and Planning and Zoning Administrations.

The business owners that this bill would affect are already doing continuing education, from Inspection courses, B.A.T. certifications, mount classes, drip classes and the list goes on. Small businesses are the backbone of the state's economy. This bill has no positive affect on the septic pumpers, septic installers or septic inspectors. What it will do is put its hands in the pockets of the business owners, once again for licenses, classes and more regulations that are already in place. I feel that most of the people that are in this business know nothing about this bill that is trying to be pushed through the house. The regulations that the Maryland Department of the Environment, Comar and local agencies have in place are just fine and have been for some time. I

can't see the justification for any more classes, licensing fees and Lord knows what else this committee has in store? Why re-invent the wheel?

You as House Members, were elected to serve the people that put you in the position you are in. You are supposed to look out for the best interest of small businesses who help the growth of this state we live in. Please don't make it hard to stay viable for those of us trying to keep our heads above water and support our families while providing a service to Maryland home owners at an affordable price. If you feel more needs to be done or addressed, research before you go forward with this bill. Want a committee, fine, have at least one small business owner from this industry, from each county sit on the committee and be the voice for his or her fellow county business owners. Ask the people who do the work day in and day out what more needs to be done? Think about all of the small business owners and how this will affect them?

So, that being said, I strongly oppose this new Bill # 136 as it is not going to help protect anyone nor help anyone. I urge you to stop this bill in its tracks.

Sincerely,

Steve Green
Owner