

My name is Amrish Joseph . I am a physician working at Johns Hopkins and live at 21 Sugarvale Way , Lutherville with my wife Karen , a teacher and our two children.

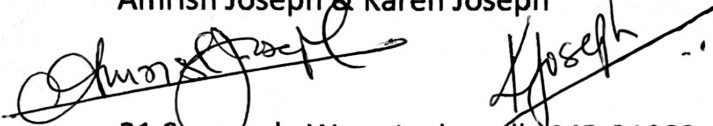
My family has lived at our residence for three years. Our home is adjacent to and we share a common boundary with the hemp farm. The hemp plants are in direct view from our yard

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. The fousl odors caused us watering of our eyes and headaches and made it impossible for us to spend any time outside in our backyard. The stench prevented our children from going out and playing in the yard through the summer. Heaven knows what health problems will be caused by the putrid odors in the years to come.

While I do not have anything against the farming of hemp and do appreciate that it is a cash crop for the farming community , I do believe that it is important to have legislation to prevent the growing of hemp in such close proximity to family dwellings and homes. Apart from the immediate issue with odors this is going to place immense economic stress on our communities as this problem with the odor is going to drive property prices down. I believe that thought and consideration should be placed when drafting legislation in order to prevent other citizens from enduring what we had to endure this summer. We purchased our property in Baltimore County in order to have the peace and safety and to give our children the space to enjoy the outdoors instead of them being cooped up in doors. This last summer we were not able to enjoy any of this because of the hemp farm and the putrid odor emanating from it.

It is my request that legislation be passed to have a two mile buffer between any hemp production and private dwellings and homes

Amrish Joseph & Karen Joseph

Handwritten signatures of Amrish Joseph and Karen Joseph. The signature on the left is written in cursive and appears to be 'Amrish Joseph'. The signature on the right is also in cursive and appears to be 'Karen Joseph'.

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