

- My name is Ira Papel. I live in Lutherville-Timonium at 18 Barthel Court with my wife, Leslie. and I am a physician who has been distinctly bothered by the stench which transformed our neighborhood this past fall.
- My family has lived in Lutherville-Timonium for 31 years. Our house lies within a few hundred yards from the hemp field in my neighborhood.
- 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. These included breathing problems, cough, sore throat, and nasal congestion. We can't leave the windows open as this makes it difficult to sleep.
- I believe we need to have some sensible limits on the placement of new hemp farms so that the comfort and value of pre-existing neighborhoods is not destroyed by the unanticipated effects of these farms. I have nothing against hemp farming as an industry, but a new hemp farm should not have the right to cause such harm to neighbors who have invested in their homes and lives.
- We are sorry we cannot attend the meeting today but appreciate the public officials and our neighbors who are speaking for us at the meetings. Our homes and neighborhood were present long before the hemp farming started, and therefore should have the right to preserve the quality of life we have long invested in. The hemp farm devalues this quality of life, and certainly the value of our homes.

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