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- My family has lived in Lutherville-Timonium for over 30 years. Our property directly abuts a farm that grew industrial hemp under the MD Hemp Pilot program in 2019. The farm that abuts our property that grew the hemp in the pilot program last year, was a tree and plant nursery up until the hemp planting.
- During 2019's last pilot hemp growing ,my husband and I experienced health issues we have never had before in over thirty years, like many of our neighbors.

Once the stench began, I began having headaches and and increased symptoms in my post nasal drip. I have never suffered from Headaches before. I am currently under an allergist's care for the post nasal drip and take several medicines to help me. My husband noticed his eyes were very irritated and had to use drops to ease the irritability. We never open our windows and doors, yet we could not get away from the odor and increased irritability. The unknown emittance that goes along with the odor from the terpenes were in our house, our clothes, our cars...we couldn't get out from under it.

Very sadly, my grown and married children have decided it is not safe for them and their children, my grandchildren, to visit during the pilot hemp growing season from July to November. They have made this decision because of the unknown effects of terpenes emitted from the growing hemp and their foul odor that could have irreparable damage to them. I'm not happy about this but I must wholeheartedly support their decision. The following speakers will give you documented evidence of the dangers of inhaling what these terpenes emit.

The passage of these bills is imperative to the health and wellbeing of all the neighbors that have suffered these and many other medical issues just because they live near a farm growing hemp under the MD Hemp pilot program. Additionally, these bills will also protect many of your constituents in the future before they have to suffer these medical issues as more farms decide to grow hemp.

Sincerely Yours

  
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