My name is Allison Rubin. I live in Lutherville-Timonium. My husband, Asher and I are attorneys and the parents of two children.

My family has lived in Lutherville-Timonium for almost 13 years. Our house is directly across the street from the hemp field in my neighborhood of Braeside (Dipping Pond Court).

Similar to my other neighbors, my family experienced health issues such as headaches, asthma and sinus infections last year that may be the result of exposure to the nearby hemp field. In just one year, our quality of life has been diminished solely due to the strong odors and exposure to hemp. The exposure to hemp has been an enormous nuisance and we are no longer satisfied with living in this area.

It is essential to restore the air quality around our home. In order to do so, I believe laws restricting hemp agriculture near residences are essential. While hemp farming may have some benefits (mostly economic), the public needs to be protected from the health risks of living near hemp fields. I am confident that the benefits of hemp do not outweigh the health risks to which we have been exposed.

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