- My name is Deborah Schwartz. I am a married oncology living with my husband Eric Schwartz, an attorney, and our college-aged children.

- My family has lived in Lutherville-Timonium for 17 years. Our house lies about a half mile away from a farm that grew industrial hemp in 2019.

- Like so many of my neighbors, my family experienced health issues last year that we believe may have been the result of breathing the noxious fumes being emitted by the hemp farm. These included burning eyes, burning nasal membranes, coughing, sore throat, headaches and nausea. The burning eyes and nasal membranes were present even when we were within the confines of our home. These symptoms worsened and were accompanied by headaches, sore throat, coughing and nausea when we were outside, any place in our development.

- Due to the side effects mentioned above resulting from the noxious fumes being emitted from the hemp farm situated less than a half mile from my home, we were not able to enjoy the simple pleasures of walking the dogs, getting the mail or just trying to read on the front porch reading the paper. In short we were not able to enjoy the property that we worked hard to afford and for which we pay taxes. Before I was made aware that the fumes from the hemp farm were producing the side effects I was experiencing, I called Baltimore Gas and Electric to come check my property for a gas leak. Upon arrival to our property, the BGE rep immediately advised that he smelled "a marijuana-like odor" as soon as he entered our neighborhood which became stronger as he neared the homes which most closely abut the hemp farm. Clearly this example shows that the hemp farm's location so close to residential areas resulted in unnecessary usage of BG&E's time and man power

- I am not against hemp farming in general but believe strongly that it should not be permitted to occur close to residential areas. I believe strongly that a separation of hemp farms of at least 2 miles from residential areas is a fair and safe practice.

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